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Extract from the Proceedings of the Chief Commissioner, Central Provinces, in the General Department,—dated Pachmarhi, the 25th May 1893.

READ—

Letter from the Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court, No. 1438, dated the 1st April 1893, submitting the Judicial Commissioner's Report on the administration of Civil Justice during the year 1892.

READ ALSO—

The District and Divisional Reports.

RESOLUTION.

The year 1891 was an exceptional one in respect to the small number of suits instituted, the total having fallen to 95,249, after exceeding 100,000 for a period of seven successive years. In 1892, the latter figure was once more exceeded, institutions having risen to 101,498. The revival occurred mainly in the three districts of Nagpur, Bhandara and Nimar, which, between them, account for 3,638 out of a total increase of 6,249. In five districts (Hoshangabad, Betul, Mandla, Bilaspur and Sambalpur) there was a decrease. The increase in the number of suits as compared with last year was common to all values and distributed evenly, except that the increase in suits between Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 in value and in those between Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 10,000 was considerably above the average increase.

Suits under Rs. 10 in value are, it appears, falling off both in actual numbers and in comparison with those of higher values. Suits between Rs. 10 and Rs. 50 in value remain practically constant at 49 per cent. of the whole. Suits above Rs. 50 in value are increasing both in percentage of the whole and in actual numbers. The Judicial Commissioner attributes the decline in the number of suits of values averaging Rs. 6 to the wider recognition by creditors of the trouble and expense involved in enforcing petty claims by the agency of the Civil Courts. The decline in the percentage of such suits is owing to the increase in suits of higher values—resulting probably from the growth of trade and a rise in the standard of expenditure. It is certainly the fact that the more backward or remote districts (Mandla, Sambalpur and Bilaspur) exhibit the highest percentages of suits of the lowest grade of value. Yet even in these the percentage of such suits is falling, as the following figures indicate :—

			Number of suits of value not exceeding Rs 10 in the districts of—		
			Mandla.	Sambalpur.	Bilaspur.
1889	...	...	35 5	38·7	29·7
1890	...	...	33·9	32·0	32·4
1891	...	...	32·8	32·9	33·8
1892	...	...	26·6	32·6	29·6

2. In paragraph 12 of the Report the description of the suits brought is dealt with. A considerable increase occurred in the number of suits for "goods sold," "breach of contract," "recovery of possession" and "arrears of rents." These results are attributed partly to bad harvests and high prices and partly to the effect of Settlement operations in inducing a keener and more intelligent appreciation of the relative rights of landlord and tenant. In the Saugor District,

to which reference was made in last year's Resolution, the increased litigation is most marked in suits for small sums of money up to Rs. 50, secured by bonds; and it is suggested that this method of securing and recovering debts is steadily replacing the practice of recovery by 'main force' which formerly prevailed.

3. The number of first appeals instituted in 1892 is 7,458, as compared with 6,804 in the preceding year. The figures for five years are compared below :—

			Number of first appeals instituted.
1888	...	...	7,060
1889	...	...	6,406
1890	...	...	6,858
1891	...	...	6,804
1892	...	...	7,458

There is thus not much difference between the year 1892 and the year 1888 in the matter of appeals instituted. Table M. shows the transfer of appellate work that has taken place from the Courts of Deputy Commissioners to the Courts of Civil Judges from other Provinces up to the end of the year under review—of whom eight had been introduced. The only districts which are now without Civil Judges are Chhindwara, Damoh, Mandla and Balaghat. Deputy Commissioners were relieved by Civil Judges of nearly 1,200 more cases than in 1891—trying only 1,881 regular appeals and 75 miscellaneous appeals, against 2,872 and 217, respectively, during the preceding year. There is no doubt that this is an excellent result from the point of view of general administration; but the Chief Commissioner concurs in the opinion expressed by Mr. Stevens in paragraph 20 of the Report that until such time as they are completely relieved from responsibility for the judicial work of the Lower Courts, it is desirable that all Deputy Commissioners should hear a few appeals in each quarter of the year. The Deputy Commissioner of Raipur disposed of no Civil appeals at all during 1892, and the Deputy Commissioner of Wardha disposed of only four. On the other hand, the Deputy Commissioners of Balaghat, Damoh, Seoni, Betul and Chhindwara were *primâ facie* unduly weighted with Civil appellate business. The executive work in these districts has hitherto been light, but the Chief Commissioner has no doubt that if the Deputy Commissioners could devote more time to it it would increase.

4. The Civil Judicial business disposed of by Commissioners during the year consisted of only 7 appeals, of which 6 were tried by the Commissioner, Nagpur Division, and 1 by the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division. Sanction was given at the close of 1891 to the appointment of two Judicial Assistants to Commissioners, one for the Jubbulpore and Nerbudda Divisions and the other for the Divisions of Nagpur and Chhattisgarh. The appointments were made with effect from the 1st January 1892, and the officers selected to fill them took over charge of their duties on the 2nd and 28th idem respectively. Between them, they disposed of 345 Civil appeals. The mere number of the appeals conveys, however, an inadequate idea of the amount of the work performed, as many of the cases coming before the Judicial Assistants are, as Mr. Stevens points out (paragraph 20), of a difficult and complicated character.

The Judicial Assistants are also Assistant Sessions Judges; and the Criminal business to be disposed of by them is so considerable as (see paragraph 23 of the

Report) to seriously interfere with the punctual discharge of their duties as Courts of Civil Appeals. This fact is illustrated by the increase in the average durations of regular and miscellaneous appeals in their Courts, during 1892, from 119 and 62·3 to 134·5 and 94·9 days, respectively. The Chief Commissioner has deemed it necessary to apply to the Government of India for sanction to the appointment of two more Divisional Judges, in order to relieve the pressure upon the existing staff and to secure the more prompt discharge of public business.

5. The results of the disposal of appeals do not indicate any great variation from the previous year's figures. The percentages of appeals in which the decree of the Lower Court was modified, reversed or confirmed are compared below:—

	Percentage of total appeals in	
	1891.	1892.
Decree modified	11·5	12·9
Do. reversed	18·8	17·6
Do. confirmed	44·9	44·5

The percentage of cases in which the decree of the Lower Court was confirmed without notice to the respondent was 12 as compared with 12·5 in the preceding year. The Judicial Commissioner explains that the Chief Commissioner's orders on the subject of a reasonable exercise of the powers conferred by Section 551 of the Code of Civil Procedure, contained in last year's Resolution, were communicated to all Appellate Courts; but that they were unaccountably misinterpreted by certain Civil Judges. The possibility of further misunderstanding has been removed by the issue of more detailed instructions.

6. The number of Courts open at the close of 1892 was 203, being nominally four more than at the beginning of the year. Practically the number remained unchanged, as the Courts of the Commissioners were virtually closed. The relief afforded to Deputy Commissioners by the appointment of Civil Judges is still further evidenced by the decline in the number of Civil suits disposed of by the former from 77 to 66. In eight districts Deputy Commissioners did no original Civil work at all. The percentage of cases tried by Courts of Assistant Commissioners (including Civil Judges) is 12·9—the same as in 1890.

The number of cases disposed of rose from 94,153 (in 1891) to 100,819. The number of cases pending at the year's end was 11,070 as against 10,391 in 1891 and 9,295 in 1890. The number of cases pending over four months has, however, been reduced from 510 to 445. The pending file is said to be heavy in the districts of Bhandara, Nagpur and Wardha. The Judicial Commissioner has pointed out (paragraph 20) that the Deputy Commissioner of Bhandara might have relieved his Civil Judge of a portion of his work. A second Civil Judge was posted to Wardha after the close of the year. Nagpur has now two officers exercising the powers of Civil Judges, one First class Assistant and two Third class Assistants.

The table given in paragraph 17 of the Report shows that the duration of uncontested cases has again risen; while that of contested cases has fallen only slightly below the high average of 1891, when Census operations were a great hindrance to the disposal of Civil work. The number of hearings in contested cases has risen still further. The explanations of District Officers in the matter of durations and average number of hearings indicate in a greater or less degree

slackness of supervision over the procedure of Subordinate Courts. This is a matter regarding which the Chief Commissioner has expressed himself clearly on more occasions than one; and it is disappointing to find that his observations have been productive of so little result. Some of the Civil Judges have been authorised to examine and report on the procedure of the Subordinate Courts; but Deputy Commissioners have now no excuse for neglecting this important duty. The remarks made by Mr. Stevens upon the subject in paragraph 17 of the Report have the Chief Commissioner's entire concurrence: and he will be glad if the Judicial Commissioner will, in future Reports, bring to notice the names of District Officers who have shown remissness in the matter of inspections.

7. The number of applications for execution of decrees presented during the year was 90,930, of which 10,941 were left pending at the end of the year. There was an increase (as compared with 1891) of over 5 per cent. in the applications and of almost 4 per cent. in the disposals. The number of decrees in which satisfaction was obtained in whole or in part were 17,493 and 15,989, as against 17,152 and 15,456 in the previous year, respectively. There were 43,469 infructuous applications, as against 40,979 in 1891. The number of judgment-debtors imprisoned has decreased from 110 to 96, as has also the number of those arrested but released without imprisonment (603 as against 632). An examination of Statement No. VII shows that the number of arrests and imprisonments was disproportionately high in the Wardha District; and it was noticed in the Resolution on the Jail Report for 1892 that Civil prisoners were exceptionally numerous in the Wardha Jail. The returns for 3 years past show that the imprisonment of judgment-debtors is more favoured in Wardha than in any other district, excepting Nagpur:—

		Number of Judgment-debtors imprisoned in the Wardha Jail.	Greatest number imprisoned in any other jail
1890	...	15	17 (Nagpur).
1891	...	14	20 (Do.)
1892	...	29	13 (Nimar).

The matter seems to call for some explanation.

8. In paragraph 21 of the Report an account is given of the proposals made for the improvement of the condition of the process-serving establishment, which were sanctioned by the Chief Commissioner on the 20th ultimo. In the meantime the experiment has been made of entrusting first grade peons with the duty of supervising and checking the work of peons of lower grades. The Judicial Commissioner considers that, on the whole, the testimony as to the working of the system is encouraging. The Chief Commissioner approves the suggestion made by Mr. Stevens that, where there are two or more Assistants at head-quarters, the Nazir's establishment should be placed in the charge of one of them.

9. The number of regular second appeals instituted in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner during 1892 was 735, as against 724 in 1891; and the number of disposals 665, as against 610 in 1891: 66 miscellaneous appeals were also disposed of by him in the year 1892, as against 59 in the previous year. There can be no doubt that the work of the Judicial Commissioner's Court has become so heavy as to tax to the utmost the energies of the presiding

officer. Already the work has to be done at a speed which does not permit of as much deliberation as the Judicial Commissioner could wish. The circumstances point to the necessity of considering how the Court can best be strengthened.

10. The thanks of the Administration are due to the officers who are mentioned in paragraph 23 of the Report, as having merited praise for their Judicial work. To Mr. Stevens himself the Chief Commissioner desires to express his cordial acknowledgments for the invaluable assistance which he has rendered in the control of the working of the Courts, for the advice which he has readily given on all matters referred for his opinion, and for his clear and interesting summary of the year's results.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of this Resolution (with the usual number of spare copies) be submitted to the Government of India in the Home Department, and that a copy be forwarded to the Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court, for the information of the Judicial Commissioner; also, that it be published in the Supplement to the *Central Provinces Gazette*, and that copies, bound with the Report, be distributed as usual.

[True Extract.]

L. K. LAURIE,

Offg. Secretary.

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FROM

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REGISTRAR, JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S COURT,

Central Provinces,

To

THE SECRETARY TO THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER,

Central Provinces.

Dated Nagpur, the 1st April 1893.

SIR,

I am directed to submit the Report on the administration of Civil Justice in the Central Provinces for the year 1892, with the District and Divisional Reports.

A.—TRIBUNALS.

2. The number of Courts open at the close of 1892 was 203, being nominally four more than at the beginning of the year. Sanction was given at the close of 1891 to the appointment of two Judicial Assistants to Commissioners, one for the Jubbulpore and Nerbudda Divisions, the other for the Divisions of Nagpur and Chhattisgarh. The appointments were made with effect from the 1st January 1892, and the officers selected to fill them took over charge of their duties on the 2nd and 28th idem, respectively. Of those officers one had 22 years' service and the other 21 years'. They were not made subject to the control of or subordinate to the Commissioners for reasons of administrative convenience, as they were intended to practically relieve those officers of all Civil Judicial work. They accordingly took over all the Civil work of the Commissioners. The Civil Judicial business disposed of by the latter officers during the year consisted only of seven appeals tried—six by the Commissioner, Nagpur Division, and one by the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division. Thus the Commissioners' Courts were virtually closed during the year, and the number of Courts in work was practically the same as in 1891, while the number of Judges was practically diminished by two as each of the Judicial Assistants had charge of two Divisional Courts.

	1891.	1892.
Court of the Judicial Commissioner ..	1	1
Do. Commissioner ..	4	4
Do. Judicial Assistant to Commissioner .		4
Do Deputy Commissioner ..	18	18
Do. Civil Judge	12	13
Do. Assistant Commissioner .	39	39
Do. Tahsildar ...	52	52
Do. Munsiff .	22	22
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Do. Small Cause Court Judges and Registrars	6	7
Total ...	199	203

The number of Courts of Civil Judges has increased by one, who has been posted to the District of Bhandara. At the close of the year Jubbulpore had only one Civil Judge, while Narsinghpur had two, as against two and one at Jubbulpore and Narsinghpur, respectively, at the beginning of the year.

At the close of the year Saugor had two and Raipur one Court of an Assistant Commissioner more than at the close of 1891, Nagpur, Wardha and Narsinghpur had each one less. The number of Courts of Assistant Commissioners, Tahsildars and Munsiffs remained constant, but the number of Courts of Naib-Tahsildars was reduced by two, that is, one at Hoshangabad and one at Seoni. The Small Cause Court, Saugor, which had been closed in 1891, was opened again in 1892, and thus brought up the number of Courts of Small Cause Court Judges and Registrars to seven.

There were three Honorary Judges whose Courts were open during the year, Raja Raghu Keshori Deo of Raipur, Honorary Assistant Commissioner, appointed during the year, Rao Saheb Balwant Rao Bhuskutte of Burhanpur and Rao Bahadur Yado Rao of Bhandara, Honorary Extra-Assistant Commissioners. The Court of the Honorary Munsiff at Bilaspur was closed on account of the installation of Lal (now Raja) Rup Narain Singh, the presiding Judge, on his ancestral *gaddi* of Sakti.

3. The strength of the local Bar increased by six Pleaders during 1892. At the end of the year it consisted of 24 Advocates (of whom 17 are Barristers) and 138 Pleaders, distributed as follows :—

Nagpur	... 44	Burhanpur	... 2	Mandla	... 1
Bhandara	.. 9	Jubbulpore	... 18	Narsinghpur	... 11
Chanda	... 3	Saugor	... 11	Chhindwara	... 2
Wardha	... 12	Damoh	... 4	Betul	... 2
Arvi	... 1	Hoshangabad	... 12	Raipur	... 8
Balaghat	... 3	Harda	... 5	Sambalpur	... 3
Khandwa	... 5	Seoni	... 2	Bilaspur	... 4

New rules for the examination and enrolment of Pleaders came into force during *1892*.

At the examination of local candidates for admission as Pleaders held at Nagpur in November last, two candidates were successful.

Most Deputy Commissioners speak well of the work of the Bar in their districts, but the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioners of the Nagpur and Chhattisgarh Divisions, whilst appreciating highly the help afforded by some members of the Bar, is of opinion that the majority of them render but little assistance to the Courts in difficult cases, while they are apt to hinder work by lengthy and irrelevant cross-examinations.

The Officiating Judicial Commissioner has reason to fear that there are some Courts in which litigation is too often allowed to be unnecessarily protracted by the action of Pleaders; but this is a matter with which the Courts should themselves deal judiciously, but firmly. Other abuses, however, such as the employment of *dallals*, or touts, do not come to the cognizance of the Courts, and Mr. Stevens is disposed to agree with Mr. Ismay in the opinion that a Provincial Bar Association might usefully be formed with the object of checking abuses which cannot be easily controlled in any other way. Perhaps now that the Bar is steadily growing in strength it may be found practicable to make the experiment.

There is at present no class of certificated mukhtars in these Provinces. Owing to the absence or scarcity of Pleaders in the past and to the fact that parties have been unwilling to pay the fees necessary for the engagement of a Pleader, it has been customary for litigants to conduct their business by a private *mukhtar*, or recognized agent, under Section 36 of the Civil Procedure Code. It appeared that advantage was being taken of this state of things by petition-writers and others to practise regularly in evasion of Section 10 of the Legal Practitioners' Act, 1879. This Court's Circular on the subject of recognized agents was accordingly amended with a view to check this abuse. At present the Officiating Judicial Commissioner has under consideration the expediency of framing rules to be approved by the Local Government for the appointment of certificated mukhtars under the Legal Practitioners' Act, 1879.

B.—Extent and Character of Litigation

I.—*Number of Suits.*

4. Of the following two tables, Table A shows the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each district of the Provinces for each year from 1862 to date; Table B gives the same statistics for the last 5 years for each place where one or more Civil Courts are established :—

TABLE

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in

Years.	Nagpur. District.	Nagpur. City Small Cause Court	Nagpur. Cantonment Small Cause Court, Kamptee	Nagpur. Total.	Chanda.	Bhandara.	Wardha.	Balaghat.	Jubbulpore. District	Jubbulpore. City Small Cause Court	Jubbulpore. Cantonment Small Cause Court.	Jubbulpore. Total	Saugor. District	Saugor. Cantonment Small Cause Court.	Saugor. Total.
1862	3,349	1,622	1,602	6,583	667	1,750	658		1,619	315	504	2,438	2,313	601	2,914
1863 ..	3,020	1,436	2,338	6,794	687	1,634	592		1,385	1,321	686	3,392	2,380	572	2,952
1864	2,647	1,622	1,706	6,045	716	1,692	490	...	1,23	1,683	612	*,525	2,109	1,161	3,270
1865 ..	2,974	1,288	806	5,068	649	2,076	927		1,734	1,789	455	3,928	2,741	709	3,450
1866 ..	3,386	2,320	1,017	6,623	1,021	2,420	1,216		1,405	1,636	481	3,522	2,988	720	3,708
1867	3,390	3,289	1,323	8,002	1,219	2,911	1,893	303	1,685	1,662	296	3,643	2,724	389	3,113
1868 ..	4,566	4,060	2,083	10,701	1,636	2,798	3,057	81[illegible]	1,699	2,052	541	4,292	8,612	559	4,171
1869...	4,529	4,415	3,454	13,398	2,000	2,814	3,724	925	1,441	1,984	514	3,939	4,052	835	4,887
1870	5,648	4,880	3,407	13,935	2,587	3,596	4,277	737	1,72[illegible]	2,435	445	4,605	4,003	692	4,695
1871 .	6,761	5,300	2,594	14,661	2,937	3,597	6,169	1,236	2,278	2,499	463	5,240	3,132	699	3,831
1872	6,060	5,061	2,779	13,900	2,077	3,122	5,485	989	2,313	2,400	511	5,224	2,652	672	3,324
1873	6,315	5,700	2,428	14,452	2,161	2,663	6,051	1,191	1,985	2,254	437	4,676	2,979	432	3,411
1874	6,904	6,104	2,837	15,845	2,039	2,707	6,839	1,319	2,10[illegible]	2,493	445	5,044	3,328	302	3,630
1875 .	7,310	5,993	2,895	16,188	2,215	2,812	7,061	1,508	2,012	2,278	421	4,711	3,381	281	3,662
1876 ..	9,152	7,465	2,830	19,447	3,175	3,190	7,159	1,584	2,205	2,037	430	4,672	3,719	399	4,018
1877	10,244	7,401	3,189	20,834	3,085	3,684	6,400	1,795	2,015	2,219	456	5,290	4,190	300	4,490
1878 ..	9,105	8,301	3,493	20,899	2,764	3,074	4,549	2,30	2,427	2,508	454	5,389	3,810	297	4,107
1879 ..	10,411	7,844	2,919	21,194	3,175	3,669	5,641	1,3[illegible]	2,690	2,801	553	6,044	3,284	190	3,474
1880	10,900	8,402	2,511	21,813	3,768	4,541	6,591	1,440	2,790	2,664	399	5,353	3,241	223	3,464
1881..	9,881	7,668	1,990	19,539	4,002	4,817	6,849	1,798	3,039	2,696	262	5,997	3,110	155	3,265
1882	9,731	6,758	1,931	18,420	4,689	6,029	8,317	1,923	3,024	2,760	341	6,125	3,211	167	3,378
1883	9,221	5,622	1,943	16,786	3,900	5,099	6,818	2,014	2,913	2,628	324	5,865	4,161	194	4,355
1884 ..	10,621	5,758	1,999	18,378	5,156	6,590	7,540	2,762	3,704	2,945	461	7,110	4,335	144	4,479
1885	11,126	6,662	1,799	19,587	4,796	6,087	8,918	2,768	4,372	2,906	497	7,775	5,037	148	5,185
1886	11,695	7,926	1,966	21,587	5,107	5,893	8,535	2,509	4,651	3,382	520	8,553	4,981	214	5,195
1887	11,950	7,475	2,181	21,606	5,097	6,582	7,645	8,128	4,313	3,195	454	7,993	5,256	146	5,402
1888 ..	11,254	6,725	2,065	20,044	5,499	6,824	7,392	3,019	4,211	3,104	547	7,862	5,257	314	5,571
1889	10,393	5,992	2,116	18,501	4,756	7,436	6,998	2,831	3,703	2,838	.608	7,149	5,358	251	5,609
1890...	10,329	5,213	2,083	17,625	4,667	6,788	6,812	2,830	4,014	2,929	484	7,427	5,674	236	5 910
1891...	8,858	4,816	1,894	15,578	4,120	5,592	7,002	2,618	3,733	2,581	420	6,734	6,516	135	6,651
1892 ..	8,797	6,274	2,065	17,136	4,555	6,632	7,464	2,618	1,165	2,354	337	6,906	6,759	138	6,897
Grades and number of Courts at the close of 1892 — Court of the Judicial Commissioner ..	1	..		..	...					...			...
Court of the Commissioner	1	...	.	..	...					1			...
Courts of Judicial Assistants to the Commissioners ..	1		...	...	...					1			...
Courts of the Deputy Commissioner	1	1	1	1	1					1			1
Courts of Civil Judges	1	1	1	1						1			1
Courts of the Assistant Commissioner	3	2	3	2	1					3			3
Courts of the Tahsildar .	4	4	3	3	2					3			4
Courts of the Munsiff (Additional Tahsildar)	4	1	2	3	1					1			1
Court of the Naib Tahsildar	3	5	3	3	1					3			4
Small Cause Court and Registrars .	4	.	..	..	...					2			1
TOTAL	22	11	13	14	6					15			15

* [illegible] Commissioner, Jubbulpore Division.
† Includes three suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
‡ Includes one suit instituted in do do. do.
§ Includes seven suits instituted in do. do. do.

A.

each District of the Central Provinces from 1862 to 1892.

Seoni.	Damoh.	Mandla.	Hoshangabad.	Betul.	Nimar. District.	Nimar. Cantonment Small Cause Court, Asirgarh	Nimar. Total.	Narsinghpur.	Chhindwara	Raipur.	Bilaspur.	Sambalpur.	Upper Godavari.	Grand Total.
806	760	369	2,016	1,058	...	...	.	2,121	705	1,326	163	345	7	24,666
973	729	201	2,202	1,142				2,691	1,039	820	222	201	35	26,305
1,280	859	351	3,183	1,288	4,398	...	4,398	2,542	870	1,221	707	275	42	32,097
1,313	1,377	563	5,887	1,156	3,354	...	3,354	3,558	1,303	1,573	1,781	605	66	39,254
1,185	1,289	421	5,279	1,194	7,561		7,561	3,416	1,345	1,379	2,896	594	163	45,250
1,263	1,709	380	5,427	1,979	5,541	27	5,568	3,272	1,990	1,406	3,762	592	89	48,544
1,394	1,631	401	5,494	2,732	6,508	244	6,752	4,125	2,770	1,659	3,466	538	125	58,558
1,387	1,760	528	5,068	2,351	7,854	293	8 147	4,535	3,340	1,982	1,298	886	159	63,137
2,185	1,693	656	6,750	2,702	7,689	165	7,854	5,657	4,027	3,123	1,866	959	289	72,183
2,619	1,783	569	6,695	3,207	8,551	118	8,669	6,385	3,616	3,194	2,391	1,112	286	78,088
1,904	1,343	679	7,210	3,24[illegible]	9,572	174	9,746	5,593	3,537	2,641	2,561	1,087	277	73,955
1,692	2,060	661	7,918	3,278	7,808	147	7,955	6,369	3,633	2,657	2,081	1,427	252	74,594
1,450	1,744	690	7,522	2,983	7,480	90	7,570	6,265	3,729	3,662	2,085	1,337	279	76,639
1,863	1,541	630	7,927	3,225	8,202	62	8,270	5,756	4,464	3,358	2,043	1,354	169	78,777
1,666	1,477	624	3,331	3,390	8,454	84	8,538	4,967	4,391	4,838	2,885	1,812	108	86,265
1,841	1,940	772	8,344	3,210	7,469	97	7,566	5,146	3,969	5,326	2,868	1,784	137	88,484
1,815	1,500	557	7,175	2,510	6,436	57	6,493	4,351	3,200	4,790	2,576	1,738	...	79,783
2,345	1,640	847	8,372	3,268	7,674	69	7,743	4,604	3,429	5,774	2,481	2,833	.	87,862
2,364	1,751	646	7,082	3,069	7,736	66	7,802	4,568	3,844	6,332	3,552	2,893	..	91,379
2,019	1,940	650	7,213	2,556	7,479	34	7,513	4,722	3,616	6,426	4,005	2,946	...	89,903
1,626	1,894	803	7,449	2,949	6,870	39	6,909	5,308	3,623	6,018	3,780	3,408	..	92,648
1,822	2,339	958	7,587	2,238	6,960	22	6,982	5,528	3,696	5,922	3,714	3,847	...	89,470
2,617	2,034	936	7,575	2,730	7,982	40	8,024	5,639	4,051	7,454	4,353	4,365	...	101,193
2,429	2,426	1,265	8,032	2,987	7,386	24	7,410	6,155	4,155	6,590	4,498	3,840		*104,904
3,034	2,845	1,591	8,162	3,019	7,433	37	7,470	6,418	4,864	8,373	5,789	3,988	...	†112,965
2,838	2,805	1,773	7,636	2,823	7,937	37	7,974	6,538	4,230	8,390	5,803	3,592	...	‡111,855
2,836	3,303	1,305	7,614	2,761	7,078	17	7,095	6,727	4,031	7,856	6,377	4,366	...	§110,479
2,918	3,513	1,200	6,813	2,609	6,297	29	6,326	5,861	3,718	6,406	4,656	3,023	..	¶100,330
3,297	3,337	1,181	7,951	2,534	6,020		6,020	5,824	3,049	8,374	5,766	3,509	...	**102,908
2,917	2,774	1,164	7,918	2,590	5,870	...	5,870	5,555	3,011	5,256	5,609	3,280	...	††95,249
2,986	2,926	1,129	7,827	2,546	6,910	...	6,910	5,866	3,399	6,841	5,587	3,265		‡‡101,498
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6	6	5	15	6			10	10	6	17	12	8	...	203

¶ Includes seven suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
** Includes six do. in do. do. do and one suit in the Court of the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division.
†† Includes nine suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division
‡‡ Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, and seven suits in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

TABLE B.

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each Head-quarters Station and each Tahsil of the Central Provinces from 1888 to 1892.

Locality of Courts		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted.				
		1888	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Nagpur ...	Nagpur	3,091	2,783	3,069	2,441	2,555
	Court of Small Causes, Nagpur ..	6,725	5,992	5,213	4,816	6,274
	Total ..	9,816	8,775	8,282	7,257	8,829
	Court of Small Causes, Kamptee ...	2,065	2,116	2,083	1,894	2,065
	Katol	2,523	2,523	2,310	2,280	2,263
	Ramtek	3,052	3,038	2,555	2,360	2,330
	Umrer	2,588	2,049	2,395	1,787	1,649
Chanda ...	Chanda	552	550	594	986	1,222
	Warora	1,844	1,558	1,313	1,372	1,412
	Mul	1,398	1,214	1,378	631	676
	Brahmapuri	1,457	1,257	1,153	910	1,077
	Sironcha	238	177	229	221	168
Bhandara ...	Bhandara	3,291	3,293	3,028	2,666	3,231
	Tirora	2,300	2,911	2,684	2,080	2,403
	Sakoli	1,233	1,232	1,076	846	998
Wardha ...	Wardha	3,328	3,472	3,648	3,874	3,796
	Arvi	1,784	1,580	1,397	411	1,797
	Hinganghat	2,280	1,946	1,767	1,718	1,871
Balaghat ...	Burha	2,852	2,652	2,709	2,507	2,454
	Behir	167	179	121	111	164
Jubbulpore ...	Jubbulpore	1,977	1,771	2,047	1,883	2,205
	Court of Small Causes, Jubbulpore ...	3,104	2,838	2,929	2,581	2,354
	Do do. Cantonment...	547	608	484	420	387
	Total ...	5,628	5,217	5,460	4,884	4,946
	Murwara	792	792	753	730	692
	Sehora	1,442	1,120	1,156	1,012	1,098
	Umaria	...	20	58	108	170

Showing the number of suits instituted and re-instituted in each Head quarters Station and each Tahsil of the Central Provinces from 1888 to 1892.—(*Contd.*)

Locality of Courts		Number of suits instituted and re-instituted.				
		1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Saugor	Saugor	2,269	2,275	2,550	2,913	2,878
	Court of Small Causes, Saugor ...	314	251	236	135	138
	Kurai	1,164	1,386	1,249	1,532	1,531
	Rehli	1,029	900	1,055	1,254	1,406
	Banda	795	797	820	817	944
Damoh	Damoh	2,413	2,454	2,475	1,998	1,990
	Hatta	890	1,059	862	776	936
Seoni	Seoni	1,791	1,999	2,304	1,946	2,240
	Lakhnadon	1,045	919	993	971	746
Mandla	Mandla	1,120	1,027	1,020	992	923
	Ramgarh	185	173	161	172	206
Hoshangabad	Hoshangabad	3,140	2,955	3,065	3,352	2,784
	Seoni	884	627	953	711	739
	Harda	2,170	1,767	2,343	2,223	2,607
	Sohagpur	1,316	1,324	1,487	1,595	1,624
	Pachmarhi	104	140	103	37	73
Betul	Betul	1,684	1,623	1,687	1,673	1,656
	Multai	1,077	986	847	917	890
Narsinghpur	Narsinghpur	3,527	3,263	3,396	3,212	3385
	Gadarwara	3,200	2,598	2,428	2,343	2,481
Nimar	Khandwa	5,184	4,331	4,368	4,192	4,607
	Burhanpur	1,894	1,966	1,652	1,678	2,303
	Court of Small Causes, Asirgarh ...	17	29	...	...	...
Chhindwara	Chhindwara	2,712	2,570	2,135	1,983	2,023
	Sausar	1,319	1,148	914	1,028	1,376
Raipur	Raipur	3,596	2,921	3,715	3,261	3,423
	Drug	1,595	1,149	1,443	953	1,248
	Dhamtari	1,072	1,074	1,226	1,003	944
	Simga	1,593	1,262	1,990	1,039	1,226
Sambalpur	Sambalpur	2,738	1,881	2,321	2,132	2,151
	Bargarh	1,628	1,142	1,188	1,148	1,114
Bilaspur	Bilaspur	2,538	1,777	2,463	2,480	2,091
	Mungeli	1,953	1,584	1,955	1,549	1,697
	Seorinarain	1,575	855	1,003	1,182	1,412
	Pandaria	311	214	303	349	320
	Pendra	. .	26	42	49	67
	Total ...	* 110,479	† 100,330	‡ 102,908	§ 95,249	¶ 101,498

* Includes seven suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
† Do. seven suits do. do. do. do.
‡ Do. six suits do. do do. do. and one suit in the Court of the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division.
§ Do. nine suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
¶ Do. one suit instituted in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, and seven suits in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

Table B-2 Compares the figures of 1891 and 1892 :—

TABLE B-2.

District.	Number of suits instituted and re-instituted in		Increase or decrease.	Percentage.
	1891.	1892.		
Nagpur	15,578	17,136	+1,558	10·0
Chanda	4,120	4,555	+435	10·5
Bhandara	5,592	6,632	+1,040	18·6
Wardha	7,003	7,464	+461	6·6
Balaghat	2,618	2,618	...	...
Jubbulpore	6,734	6,906	+172	2·6
Saugor	6,651	6,897	+246	3·7
Seoni	2,774	2,986	+212	7·6
Damoh	2,917	2,926	+9	0·3
Mandla	1,164	1,129	−35	3·0
Hoshangabad	7,918	7,827	−91	1·1
Betul	2,590	2,546	−44	1·7
Nimar	5,870	6,910	+1,040	17·7
Narsinghpur	5,555	5,866	+311	5·6
Chhindwara	3,011	3,399	+388	12·8
Raipur	6,256	6,841	+585	9·3
Bilaspur	5,609	5,587	−22	0·4
Sambalpur	3,280	3,265	−15	0·4
Total ...	* 95,249	† 101,498	+6,249	6·6

* Includes nine suits instituted in the Court of the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.
† Do. one suit instituted in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, and seven suits in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

5. The decrease in litigation that has been taking place since 1886 has again been checked as in 1890, and there has been an increase of 6·6 per cent. in the number of suits instituted, as compared with 1891.

In Balaghat the number of suits has remained unchanged; in Mandla, Hoshangabad, Betul, Bilaspur and Sambalpur there has been a slight decrease in the number of institutions, and in all other districts there has been an increase. In Bhandara and Nimar the number of suits rose by as much as 18·6 and 17·7 per cent. respectively, and in Chhindwara, Chanda, Nagpur and Raipur by 12·8, 10·5, 10 and 9·3 per cent. respectively. In the other districts the increase was slight. Although litigation increased in amount in every Division of the Provinces, the Nagpur and Nerbudda Divisions are accountable for the bulk of the increase. The Deputy Commissioner, Bhandara, gives as an expla-

nation of the large increase in his district the present excellent harvest which, following upon two bad seasons, may well, he considers, have encouraged creditors to come forward with claims which they had hitherto found it hopeless to attempt to press. He explains that suits in respect of standing crops, which are amongst those showing the largest increase, are of course intimately connected with the character of the season.

On the other hand, the Judicial Assistant to Commissioners, Jubbulpore and Nerbudda Divisions, quotes with approval the conjecture of the Deputy Commissioner of Chhindwara that the increase in suits of low value in his district was the result of an exceptionally poor *jowari* harvest, which induced creditors to come into Court in order to obtain decrees on grain debts at favorable rates. In the case of an old-standing debt it is almost impossible to ascertain with accuracy what was the price at the date fixed for delivery, and the creditors hope that even if their claim is cut down, it will lose less in a year of high prices than in another.

The above explanations, showing the diametrically opposite causes that may on *a priori* reasoning be suggested for an increase in the number of suits of low value,—a good harvest, because grain and money are plentiful and the suit is likely to be successful; and a bad harvest, because high prices at the time of obtaining the decree will be likely, in spite of the Judicial Commissioner's repeated instructions to the Lower Courts, to result in a better rate of conversion of grain debts into money debts—illustrate the difficulties that attend inquiry into the causes of fluctuations in litigation. The fact is that the main factors that enter into consideration are not few, and their respective strength under any set of circumstances is rarely ascertainable with accuracy. Further statistics relative to the amount and kind of litigation will be found in paragraphs 6 to 12, and any conclusions that the figures appear to warrant will be given there.

II.—*Value of Suits.*

6. The relative values of the suits instituted in 1892 are shown in Table C, and the figures for 1891 and 1892 are contrasted in Table C-2:—

TABLE C.

Grades of value.				Number of suits instituted.	Percentage of total suits.	Average value.
						Rs.
Not exceeding	Rs.	10	...	20,921	20·6	6
Ditto	,,	50	...	49,051	48·3	26
Ditto	,,	100	...	15,889	15·7	71
Ditto	,,	500	...	13,185	13·1	196
Ditto	,,	1,000	...	1,338	1·3	693
Ditto	,,	5,000	...	812	0·9	1,844
Ditto	,,	10,000	...	75		7,201
Exceeding	,,	10,000	...	54		49,890
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated.				173	0·1	...
			Total ...	101,498	100·	...

TABLE C-2.

Grades of value.		Number of suits instituted in 1891.	Number of suits instituted in 1892.	Increase or decrease.	Percentage.
Not exceeding Rs.	10 ...	19,896	20,921	+1,025	5·1
Ditto "	50 ...	46,417	49,051	+2,634	5·7
Ditto "	100 ...	14,484	15,889	+1,405	9·7
Ditto "	500 ..	12,205	13,185	+980	8·0
Ditto "	1,000 ..	1,169	1,338	+169	14·4
Ditto "	5,000 ...	771	812	+41	5·3
Ditto "	10,000 ..	61	75	+14	22·9
Exceeding "	10,000 ..	53	54	+1	1·9
Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated	...	193	173	—20	10·3
	Total ...	95,249	101,498	+6,249	+6·5

Table D shows the percentages of Table C in detail according to districts :—

TABLE D.

Districts.		Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Not exceeding Rs. 50	Not exceeding Rs. 100.	Not exceeding Rs. 500.	Exceeding Rs. 500.	Value cannot be estimated.
Nagpur	...	26·6	46·5	13·8	11·0	2·0	0·1
Chanda	...	24·9	51·3	13·0	9 7	1·1	...
Bhandara	...	17·0	55·2	15·9	10·3	1·6	...
Wardha	...	17·7	48·3	16·8	13 9	2·7	0·6
Balaghat	...	24·2	48·2	14·4	11·0	1·8	0·4
Jubbulpore	...	19·9	48·0	16·0	13·2	2 9	...
Saugor	...	19·1	51·0	14 9	12·5	1·9	0·6
Damoh	...	18 9	51·3	14·1	14·7	1·0	...
Seoni	...	19·8	50·8	15·1	12·5	1·8	...
Mandla	...	26·6	50·3	15·1	7·3	0·7	...
Hoshangabad	...	8·8	39·2	20·6	25·2	6·2	...
Betul	...	13·2	48·8	19·6	15·7	2·3	0·4
Narsinghpur	...	12·4	47·9	20·4	15·4	3·4	0·5
Chhindwara	...	17·6	47·0	17·8	15·3	2·3	...
Nimar	...	18·5	50·4	17·5	12·1	1·2	0·3
Raipur	...	24·2	47 6	14·1	12·4	1·7	...
Sambalpur	...	32·6	45·7	11·5	9·4	0·8	...
Bilaspur	...	29·6	51·0	11·2	7·0	1·2	...

7. Table C-2 shows that the increase in the number of suits as compared with last year was common to suits of all values, and distributed evenly, except that the increase in suits not exceeding Rs. 1,000 and in those not exceeding Rs. 10,000 was considerably above the average increase.

In estimating, however, the value of comparisons between the litigation of the year under notice and that of the preceding year it must be borne in mind that the year 1891 was a year exceptional for the small number of suits instituted.

The percentage of suits not exceeding Rs. 10 in value has declined steadily from 28 in 1884 to 21·4 in 1890 and 20·6 in 1892. The suits not exceeding Rs. 50, have remained practically constant at 49 per cent. Suits not exceeding Rs. 100 have increased from 12 per cent. in 1884 to 15·7 in 1892, and suits not exceeding Rs. 500 from 10 to 13·1 per cent. in the same period. Suits over Rs. 500 have almost doubled within the same eight years. These figures indicate that between Rs. 10 and Rs. 50 is the practically fixed point above and below which the fluctuation in litigation occurs.

Suits under Rs. 10 in value are steadily falling off in proportion to those of higher values in actual numbers. Suits between Rs. 10 and Rs. 50 in value remain constant in percentage, rising or falling as the bulk of litigation rises and falls. Suits above Rs. 50 in value are increasing both in percentage of the whole and in actual numbers.

The cause of this marked decline in the number of petty suits would seem to be attributable in some measure to the wider recognition by creditors of the trouble and expense involved in enforcing petty claims by the agency of the Civil Courts. In this connection the Judicial Assistant to Commissioners, Jubbulpore and Nerbudda Divisions, remarks that the fact that a larger proportion of the suits for small debts are disposed of by Tahsildars, whose Courts, often far distant from the residence of the parties, are not stationary and whose movements are frequently irregular, has something to do with the unwillingness of creditors to sue for trifling sums. No doubt experience shows that the greater the facilities which are afforded for litigation, the more it ordinarily increases, and there is apparently something in the Judicial Assistant's observations; but there is no reason to think that petty litigation is more inconvenient or expensive than it has been.

III.—Description of Suits.

8. Table E shows the distribution of suits under the heads of suits for money or moveable property, suits between landlord and tenant, and title and other suits, in 1890, 1891 and 1892:—

TABLE E.

Description of suits.	1890.		1891.		1892.	
	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.	Number of suits.	Percentage of total suits.
I.—Suits for money or moveable property ..	82,731	80·4	75,174	78·9	79,798	78·7
II.—Suits between landlord and tenant ...	11,594	11·3	11,078	11·6	12,133	11·9
III.—Title and other suits ...	8,583	8·3	8,997	9·5	9,567	9·4
Total ...	102,908	100·0	95,249	100·0	101,498	100·0

9. In Table F a further specification is given of the suits entered in Class I of Table E, and the variations as compared with the figures for 1891 are shown:—

TABLE F.

Description of suits	1891		1892.		Increase or decrease in percentage.
	Number of suits	Percentage of total suits	Number of suits	Percentage of total suits.	
Contract in writing ...	39,376	41·3	40,840	40·2	—1·1
Do. not in writing ...	16,125	16·9	16,537	16·3	—0·6
On account stated ..	4,692	4·9	5,012	4·9	...
Money had and received ..	754	0·8	756	0·7	—0·1
Goods sold ...	5,616	5·9	7,085	6·9	+1·0
Wages, work and materials .	772	0·8	819	0·8	...
Breach of contract not mentioned above ..	680	0·7	830	0·8	+0·1
Rent not falling under the Rent Law ...	592	0·6	618	0·6	...
Moveable property or value thereof ..	3,932	4·1	4,401	4·3	+0·2
Damages ...	2,635	2·8	2,900	2·8	...
Total ...	75,174	78·9	79,798	78·6	—0·3

10. Table G gives the classified details of the principal descriptions of suits in Table E, distributed according to districts:—

TABLE G.

Classified details of the principal descriptions of suits in Table E.

Districts.	Total suits instituted.	For money due.						Moveable property or value thereof		Damages.		Suits for arrears of rents.		Other suits between landlord and tenants.		Immoveable property.	
		Contract in writing.		Contract not in writing		Goods sold.											
		Number	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.	Number.	Percentage of suits instituted.
Nagpur ...	17,136	7,088	41·4	1,983	11·6	3,104	18·1	583	3·4	395	2·3	1,010	5·9	36	0·2	1,497	8·7
Chanda ...	4,555	2,039	44·7	674	14·8	258	5·6	399	8·7	151	3·3	333	7·3	55	1·2	159	3·5
Bhandara ...	6,632	3,603	54·3	1,092	16·5	71	1·0	114	1·7	188	2·8	762	11·5	178	2·7	267	4·0
Wardha ..	7,464	2,695	36·1	710	9 5	783	10·5	513	6·9	159	2·1	866	11·6	76	1·0	259	3·5
Balaghat ...	2,618	913	34·8	662	25·3	52	2·0	194	7·4	167	6·4	163	6 2	134	5 1	178	6·8
Jubbulpore ...	6,906	2,527	36·6	902	13·0	497	7·2	208	3·0	218	3·1	915	13·2	333	4·8	388	5·6
Saugor ...	6,897	2,698	39·1	1,476	21·4	142	2·0	248	3 6	76	1·1	586	8·5	225	3·3	253	3·8
Damoh ...	2,926	998	34·1	384	13·1	38	1·3	148	5·0	75	2·6	222	7·6	57	1·9	179	6·1
Seoni ..	2,986	1,121	37·5	598	20·0	255	8·5	51	1·7	137	4·6	211	7·1	69	2·3	81	2·7
Mandla ...	1,129	262	23·2	364	32·2	64	5 7	68	6 0	87	7·8	121	10·7	56	5·0	11	1·0
Hoshangabad ...	7,827	4,241	54·2	1,212	15·5	53	·7	86	1·1	119	1·5	858	11·0	195	2·5	293	3·8
Betul ...	2,546	1,082	42·5	429	16·8	127	5·0	110	4·3	78	3·1	208	8·2	53	2·0	157	6·2
Narsinghpur ...	5,866	2,282	38·9	522	8·9	167	2·8	239	4·1	65	1·1	1,284	21·9	73	1·2	270	4·6
Chhindwara ...	3,399	1,330	39·1	396	11·6	189	5·6	257	7·6	87	2·6	187	5·5	97	2·9	254	7·5
Nimar ...	6,910	3,903	56·5	656	9·5	654	9 5	237	3·4	81	1·3	280	4·0	100	1·4	162	2·3
Raipur ...	6,841	2,000	29·2	1,940	28·4	252	3·7	237	3·4	339	5·0	530	7·8	659	9·6	309	4·5
Sambalpur ...	3,265	741	22·7	557	17·1	107	3·3	312	9·6	252	7·7	291	8·9	185	5·7	455	13·9
Bilaspur ...	5,587	1,317	23·6	1,980	35·4	272	4·9	397	7·1	226	4·0	515	9·2	210	3·8	327	5·9
Total ...	*101,498	40,840	40·2	16,537	16·2	7,085	6·9	4,401	4·3	2,900	2·8	9,342	9·2	2,791	2·7	5,499	5·4

* Includes one suit instituted in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division, and seven suits in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Nagpur Division.

11. Table H gives the relative value of the principal descriptions of suits :—

TABLE H.

Description of suits.	Number.	Percentage of					
		Suits not exceeding				Suits above	Total
		Rs 10.	Rs 50.	Rs 100	Rs 500	Rs 500	
Contract in writing ...	40,840	7·9	54·1	21·3	15·1	1·6	100·
Do. not in writing	16,537	34 9	49·5	7 9	6·5	1·2	100·
Goods sold ..	7,085	55·3	35·7	5·4	3 4	0 2	100
Moveable property or value thereof ...	4,401	28·9	50 3	11·3	7·8	1 2	100·
Damages ...	2,900	24 5	42·2	16 6	13·4	3 3	100·
Arrears of rent ...	9,342	22·7	53·4	15·4	8 0	0·5	100·
Immoveable property ...	5,499	16 9	38·2	17 3	20·9	6 7	100·

Increase or decrease compared with the results of 1891.

Contract in writing ...	+1,464	—0·6	—1·0	+1·2	+0·5	—0·1	...
Do. not in writing	+412	—2 4	+0·6	...	+1·2	—0·6	...
Goods sold ..	+1,469	—0·5	+0·3	+0 2	..	...	...
Moveable property or value thereof ..	+463	—3·5	+3·7	+1 7	—1·1	—0 8	...
Damages ..	+265	+0·6	—0 6	+0 3	—1·3	+0 4	...
Arrears of rent ...	+1,132	+0 3	—0·9	..	—0·1	+0·2	...
Immoveable property ...	+370	—0·3	+0 9	—1·0	—0 2	+0 6	...

12. The proportions of suits in the three general classes of Table E are practically identical with those for the year 1891, but an inspection of Additional Statement No. 1, which shows the sub-heads into which those three classes are further divided, reveals some considerable variations in the figures within the classes themselves. That Statement gives the details of 35 sub-heads.

A considerable increase has occurred in the number of suits 'for goods sold,' column 6, 'breach of contract,' column 8, 'for recovery of possession,' column 13, and 'for arrears of rent,' column 14, and a decrease in the number of suits 'for ejectment.'

The Deputy Commissioner, Nagpur, considers the large increase in suits under the heads 'goods sold' and 'account stated' to be probably due to the unusually high prices of grain, which he thinks prevented the poorer people from having any balance with which to meet other claims after supplying themselves with food.

The large increase of suits for arrears of rents he attributes to the bad harvests of the last two years and apparently with reason. He writes :—

> "In the Court of Wards Estates very large balances accrued, and I have no doubt that other landholders had the same experience. I was, in the case of the Wards Estates, compelled to order the filing of a considerable number of suits, in order that the claims might not be barred by time, and with no idea of executing the decrees till the cultivators were better off."

There is a large increase in the number of suits for ejectment in Raipur, which is attributed by the Deputy Commissioner to the Settlement operations and to the resulting appreciation of agricultural land and the increased tendency

on the part of malguzars to take advantage of Sections 56 and 57 of the Central Provinces Tenancy Act. He observes that the tenants, on the other hand, are very slow to turn to their own benefit the provisions of Section 62 of the Act.

The Deputy Commissioner, Hoshangabad, explains that the Settlement operations have caused a rise in the number of suits for "recovery of possession" and for "arrears of rent," owing in the former case to the action of the malguzars in forcibly dispossessing tenants of lands which they believed to belong to them, so as to secure an entry in their own favour in the present Settlement records; while in the latter case the landlords have done their best to realize from ordinary tenants arrears of rent in consequence of a belief which is said to be general, that at the current Settlement, not only will rents be reduced, but all existing arrears of rent will be made payable at the reduced rates. It is not easy to understand how this last idea can have originated.

Reference has already been made (paragraph 7 *supra*) to the apparent growing appreciation of the trouble and expense incidental to petty litigation in comparison with the relief to be obtained.

This consideration appears to have less weight in suits between landlord and tenant and in title suits. In both these classes of suits important interests may be at stake, though the actual value of the suit is but small.

As regards suits between landlord and tenant, Mr. Stevens has consulted the Commissioner of Settlements with a view to finding out the general effect of Settlement operations on such litigation. Mr. Fuller's conclusions are that the increase of litigation which attends the introduction of Settlement operations in a district is due both to a real increase in the number of disputes about land and to the fact that a larger proportion of such disputes are at such times brought before the Courts.

Landlords take advantage of the information collected by the Settlement Officer to sue for ejectment from land in excess of that nominally leased, and thus a real increase in litigation is brought about. Most of the increase, however, is the result of spreading knowledge and independence among the ryots, to which our Settlements powerfully contribute—

(1) by the explanations and exhortations of the Settlement Officer,
(2) by the framing of a detailed list of holdings and rents, and
(3) by the distribution to all tenants of rent certificates at the time when the new assessments are announced.

The introduction of ryots' receipt books (as a part of the Patwaris' village records) has also caused an increase of litigation, since more of the disputes which exist come before the Courts; but here the increase in litigation does not represent an actual increase of disputes arising between the parties.

In Saugor the increase in litigation since 1881 is general, but is specially marked in suits for small sums of money up to Rs. 50 secured by bonds. The Deputy Commissioner and the Settlement Officer attribute the steady growth of litigation to the opening up of the district by the Great Indian Peninsula and Indian Midland Railways, and the consequent improvement in trade and freer circulation of money. Another cause suggested is that improved knowledge

and improved administration of the law have led to a decline in the forcible private collection of debts—a practice that had survived unusually long in the District of Saugor owing to its comparatively isolated situation and its backward condition. No agrarian cause is alleged as responsible for the growth of litigation. An anticipation is expressed that suits will still further increase in number as the district becomes opened up to trade, but it is suggested that it is also not improbable that a strong countercheck may be offered to increased litigation by the better realization of the trouble and expense which recourse to the Law Courts entails.

C.—General Distribution and Results of Trials of Civil Suits by Courts of Original Jurisdiction.

I.—Distribution.

13. The following table shows how the suits disposed of during the year were distributed among the different classes of Courts in the several districts :—

TABLE J.

Total number of Judges	7	43	22	52	3	36	13	18	194
Districts	Small Cause Courts	Naib-Tahsildars	Munsiffs	Tahsildars	Honorary Assistant Commissioners	Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners (excluding Civil Judges).	Civil Judges.	Deputy Commissioners.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nagpur ...	8,340	2,436	4,034	1,135	...	966	92	1	17,004
Chanda ...	...	1,901	1,112	887	...	531	20	...	4,451
Bhandara ..	...	1,314	3,170	1,163	8	684	4	2	6,345
Wardha ...	...	2,238	3,028	1,073	...	863	74	...	7,276
Balaghat ..	...	852	1,064	399	...	464	...	20	2,799
Jubbulpore ..	2,832	1,279	424	1,336	...	1,152	28	...	7,051
Saugor ...	122	2,961	1,323	1,621	...	682	38	1	6,748
Damoh ...	...	1,616	...	904	...	373	...	7	2,900
Seoni ..	...	343	1,556	827	...	217	...	19	2,962
Mandla ..	...	461	...	489	...	149	...	7	1,106
Hoshangabad ..	...	1,127	3,046	2,451	...	1,287	28	1	7,940
Betul ..	...	1,202	...	982	...	398	...	2	2,584
Narsinghpur ...	...	1,397	3,083	224	...	954	265	...	5,923
Chhindwara ...	...	1,647	...	1,157	...	594	...	6	3,404
Nimar ..	..	2,806	2,537	1,048	207	414	26	...	7,038
Raipur ..	...	2,527	1,386	1,306	50	1,190	50	...	6,509
Sambalpur ...	...	661	1,139	669	...	781	7	...	3,257
Bilaspur ..	...	3,077	37	1,653	...	722	24	...	5,513
Total ... 1892...	11,294	29,845	26,939	19,324	265	12,421	656	66	100,810
Total ... 1891..	9,778	29,485	23,158	17,526	216	13,534	375	77	94,149
Percentage ... 1892...	11·2	29·6	26·7	19·2	0·3	12·3	0·6	0·1	100·
Percentage ... 1891...	10·6	31·3	24·6	18·6	0·2	14·3	0·3	0·1	100·
Percentage ... 1890...	10·6	32·2	24·1	19 9	0·2	12·9		0·1	100.
Percentage ... 1889...	11·8	31·9	23·9	19·8	0·1	12·4		0·1	100·
Percentage ... 1888 ..	11·8	28·7	27·5	20·0	...	11·9		0·1	100·

The number of suits tried by Deputy Commissioners has fallen still further. In 8 districts the Deputy Commissioners did no Original Civil work at all. It is to be noted that the figures showing the increase in the work done by Civil Judges do not furnish a true measure of the increase in disposals by those officers of suits triable only by them or by a Deputy Commissioner, because in some districts the Civil Judge has at times tried cases triable by the Court of an Assistant Commissioner of the 1st or 2nd class. Thus at Narsinghpur the Civil Judge was at one time trying cases from Rs. 500 upwards in value. Hence the extraordinary increase in the disposals of the Civil Judge's Court there.

The percentage of cases tried by Courts of Assistant Commissioners (including Civil Judges) is constant at the figure for 1889 and 1890, the figure for 1891 having been unusually high.

The percentage of cases tried by Courts of Small Causes and Munsiffs' Courts has increased, and that of cases by Naib-Tahsildars has decreased. This is satisfactory; but the increased percentage and also the increased actual number of cases tried by Tahsildars is to be regretted, as the executive duties of these officers often clash with their judicial work.

Their percentage had been falling from 1888, but the fall has been checked and followed by a slight rise, the explanation given in the districts where a rise has occurred being almost invariably that for a certain period of the year some newly-posted Munsiffs had less extensive powers than their predecessors had exercised and that consequently cases had to be transferred to the Tahsildars until the required powers were accorded.

14. Table K gives the institution of suits in the various Courts according to values :—

TABLE K.

Judges.	Registrars of Courts of Small Causes.	Judges of Courts of Small Causes.	Naib-Tahsildars.	Tahsildars and Munsiffs	Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners, including Civil Judges	Deputy Commissioners.	Judicial Assistants to Commissioners.	Commissioners.	Total.
Number of Judges ...	2	5	43	74	52	18	2	4	200

Grades of value of suits.	Total No of suits instituted.	Percentage of suits instituted in the Courts of each class of Judge.							
Not exceeding Rs 10	20,921	15·9	51·5	24·2	8·4	...	...	...	100·
Do. 50	49,051	10·6	39·8	43·1	6 5	...	...	...	100·
Do. 100	15,889	9·5	...	79 9	10·6	...	...	...	100·
Do. 500	13,185	8·4	...	56·9	34·7	...	...	...	100·
Do. 1,000	1,338	6·0	...	...	94·0	...	...	...	100·
Do. 5,000	812	...	...	...	94 6	5·4	...	...	100·
Do. 10,000	75	...	...	...	88·	12·	...	...	100·
Exceeding 10,000	54	...	...	...	88·9	11·1	...	...	100·
No. of suits the value of which cannot be estimated.	173	...	...	...	99·4	0·6	...	...	100·
All grades ...	101,498	10·6	29·8	45·7	13·3	0 6	...	...	100·

II.—Results of Trials.

15. The general results of the trials of the suits disposed of are shown in Table L :—

TABLE L.

Results.	Number of suits.	Proportion per cent in 1892.	Corresponding proportion in 1891.	1890.	1889.	1888.
Plaints rejected or returned ..	899	0·9	0 9	0·6	0·8	0·7
Transferred to other districts or Small Cause Courts' jurisdiction.	1	...	...	...	...	...
(*a*).—*Disposed of without contest.*						
Dismissed for default ..	19,333	19·2	18 8	19 0	18·3	18·5
Withdrawn with leave ..	597	0·6	0·8	0·8	0 9	0·9
Compromised ..	9,871	9·8	10·4	10·3	9·6	10·1
Decreed on confession ..	19,097	19·0	19·1	19·6	20·3	20·8
Decreed *ex parte* ..	19,399	19·2	18 0	18·6	19·0	18·3
Dismissed *ex parte* ...	1,018	1·0	1·0	0·9	1·0	1·0
Total uncontested ..	69,315	68·7	68 1	69·2	69 2	69·6
(*b*).—*Contested and judgment given for*—						
Plaintiff in whole ..	14,546	14·4	14 6	14·2	13·9	13·3
Do. in part ...	7,986	7 9	8·2	8·1	8·5	8·4
Defendant in whole ...	8,072	8·0	8·2	7·7	7·7	7·9
Total contested ...	30,604	30·3	31 0	30 0	30 0	29 0

There is no great variation in the Provincial figures for the year 1892 from those of the preceding year.

The percentage of suits dismissed for default and that of suits decreed *ex parte* have risen slightly. In Mandla, Sambalpur and Bilaspur the percentage of dismissals for default is over 27 per cent.

The Deputy Commissioner, Mandla, states that both his predecessor and himself have paid special attention to the working of the Lower Courts in this matter. The Deputy Commissioner, Sambalpur, states that the rise in his district average from 22·5 to 30·5 was caused by the action of two officers, an Assistant Commissioner and a Tahsildar, whose percentages, 33 3 and 36·9, were caused by their action in dismissing for default a large number of cases in camp without issuing notice to parties. In Bilaspur also the large number of dismissals for default is due to careless arrangements for cold weather tours and want of consideration shown by several Courts to parties who, not having had suffici-

ent notice, were absent at the time of hearing. The standing orders of this Court on the subject are stringent, and it is for the Deputy Commissioners to see that they are observed.

There has been a considerable increase—from 71·4 to 83·5 per cent.—in the proportion of suits decided without contest by the Judge of the Small Cause Court of Nagpur. The Deputy Commissioner promises to look into the matter and will be addressed further on the subject.

16. The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 11,070, as against 10,391 in 1891 and 9,295 in 1890, the percentage of suits pending to disposals during the year being respectively 9, 11 and 11 in the years 1890, 1891 and 1892.

As the staff was of the same strength during the year under review as in the preceding year, and the number of cases disposed of rose from 94,153 to 100,819, the result is not unsatisfactory. The number of cases pending over four months has been reduced from 510 to 445. The pending file is unnecessarily heavy at Bhandara. The Civil work is also considerably in arrears at Nagpur and Wardha owing to the insufficiency of the staff.

17. The following figures show the Provincial average durations and number of hearings for the last three years :—

		1890.	1891.	1892.
Duration of suits ..	Contested ...	59 6	66·5	65·7
	Uncontested ...	36·2	37 9	38·2
Average number of hearings ...	Contested ...	3·0	3·3	3·5
	Uncontested ...	1·9	1·8	1·8

The fact that the work has increased considerably while the strength of the staff has remained unchanged, explains the fact that the duration of uncontested cases has again risen slightly; while that of contested cases has fallen only slightly below the high average of 1891, when census operations were a great hindrance to the disposal of Civil work. The number of hearings in contested cases has also risen still further. The reason for this, as for the increased durations, is to be explained partly by press of work, partly by the delays caused by the very frequent transfers among the staff—the natural result of its weakness—and partly by the practice of allowing insufficient time for the service of process. This last is a fault that the Deputy Commissioners are in the best position to check, and the Officiating Judicial Commissioner cannot but think that a little more supervision on the part of those officers would tend to reduce the by no means infrequent delays occasioned by this cause and by fixing dates for hearing on Sundays and holidays.

The Officiating Judicial Commissioner is inclined to agree, to a considerable extent, with the remark of the Judicial Assistant to Commissioners, Nagpur and Chhattisgarh Divisions, that the explanations of District Officers in the matter of the duration and average number of hearings "all indicate in a greater or less degree a slackness of supervision over the procedure of subordinate Courts. Times have changed since the Deputy Commissioner was the chief Appellate Court in each district, and very few cases now come as a

matter of necessity under his observation. The result of recent changes is that he has lost touch with judicial work." This remark is, however, subject to some exceptions, and Mr. Stevens gladly acknowledges the assistance that he has received from some District Officers who have taken an interest in supervising the Civil work of the Courts subordinate to them.

It appears to the Officiating Judicial Commissioner obvious that the subordinate Judicial Officers can be most easily and effectually controlled by their immediate superior, who knows them personally and has the further advantage of being acquainted with the circumstances in which their work is being performed. This has been impressed on all District Officers, and it has been pointed out to them that, in order to keep the Courts subordinate to them in hand, infrequent minute and formal inspections are not sufficient, but there should be frequent informal examinations, without previous notice, of some portion of their work. It has further been pointed out to them how much they can assist the Officiating Judicial Commissioner in understanding the real state of the judicial work of their districts if they will themselves go through the periodical statements and explanations submitted by their subordinates, making such remarks upon them as may seem to be called for, instead of merely sending them up unread as they receive them. Some of the Civil Judges have been authorised to examine and comment upon the statements before they are sent into this Court; but as a rule this should be done by the Deputy Commissioner himself.

There has been a satisfactory reduction in the average duration and number of hearings in Bhandara and Raipur.

In Sambalpur both the average duration and the average number of hearings have increased, and the Deputy Commissioner assigns as the cause the fact that the presiding officers of the Courts were frequently changed, and that in some cases the Courts had virtually to be closed until the new Judges had been invested with the requisite powers. The rise in the average duration and the number of hearings at Jubbulpore is explained by the Deputy Commissioner as due to changes among the Judges, to the insufficiency of the staff during a short period, and to the fact that a larger number of old cases were disposed of than in 1891. Notwithstanding an increase in the number of institutions there was a considerable reduction in the number of pending cases, especially in the long pending cases.

It was noticed in the Report for the year 1891, that in view of the delays caused by the frequent disobedience of witnesses to summons the Courts had been called on to submit a periodical Statement showing the number of witnesses punished for such disobedience. This Statement is examined and commented on by the Officiating Judicial Commissioner, and it is satisfactory to notice that the Courts do not now habitually permit wilful disobedience of their processes to go unpunished. If the Courts will only exercise reasonable firmness in this matter, they will not, it is apprehended, have much difficulty in future from the non-attendance of witnesses whom they have summoned.

18. The number of commissions issued in the past three years is shown below :—

			1890.	1891.	1892.
For local investigation	...	...	457	406	285
For examination of accounts	...	...	79	66	67
To make a partition	...	...	12	4	1

The unnecessary issue of commissions is strongly and persistently discouraged by this Court, and it is satisfactory to note that there has been a substantial decrease in the number of those issued during the year for local investigation; nevertheless, from a perusal of the monthly commission Statements and the further explanations which have frequently been called for in connection with them, the Officiating Judicial Commissioner is inclined to believe that there is still room for a considerable further reduction.

Decisions by oath and instalment decrees continue to decrease, but references to arbitration and disallowances of successful plaintiffs' costs show an increase.

D.—Appellate Business.

19. The following Table M compares the number of first appeals instituted in 1891 and 1892, and shows the transfer of Appellate work that has taken place from the Courts of Deputy Commissioners to those of Civil Judges. The total of appeals to the Courts of Judicial Assistants to Commissioners is at practically the same figure as that of appeals to the Commissioners' Courts was. The Deputy Commissioners have been relieved by Civil Judges of nearly 1,200 more cases than in 1891, and Appellate work to the Courts of Civil Judges has increased from 3,345 to 5,182 cases, thus being an increase of 634 cases besides the 1,200 taken from Deputy Commissioners.

TABLE M.

Appeals to Commissioners, Judicial Assistants to Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners and Civil Judges.

	Courts of Commissioners.		Courts of Judicial Assistants to Commissioners.		Courts of Deputy Commissioners.		Courts of Civil Judges.		Total.		Percentage of appeals to appealable cases disposed of.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892
From decrees of ordinary Civil Courts	293	*2	...	353	2,838	1,798	3,081	4,757	6,212	6,910	...	..
From orders ..	95	...	...	41	233	82	264	425	592	548	...	...
Total ...	388	2	...	394	3,071	1,880	3,345	5,182	6,804	7,458	22·3	23 3

* These appeals were received by transfer from the Courts of Judicial Assistants to the Commissioners.

20. Table N gives the result of appeals, first and second, regular and miscellaneous, &c. (Judicial), thus including in one Table the corresponding information given in the two additional Statements V and VI.

TABLE N.

Disposal of Appeals.

Courts.	Confirmed without notice to respondent		Dismissed in default.		Remanded for re-trial		Decree of Lower Courts.						Total disposed of.
							Modified.		Reversed		Confirmed.		
	Number	Percentage of total appeals	Number	Percentage of total appeals	Number.	Percentage of total appeals	Number.	Percentage of total appeals	Number	Percentage of total appeals	Number.	Percentage of total appeals	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Court of the Judicial Commissioner	132	18·0	43	5·9	51	7·0	38	5·2	116	15·9	351	48·0	731
Courts of Commissioners.													
Nagpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	33·3	..	...	4	66·7	6
Chhattisgarh .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	1	100.	1
Jubbulpore ..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nerbudda ...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	.
Total ..	...	...		...	...	...	2	28·6	...	...	5	71·4	7
Courts of Judicial Assistants to Commissioners.													
Nagpur ..	1	0·9	6	5·3	5	4·4	28	24·5	16	14·0	58	50·9	114
Chhattisgarh .	1	3·1	..	..	2	6·2	7	21·9	2	6·3	20	62·5	32
Jubbulpore ..	5	9·4	...	...	3	5·7	7	13·2	6	11·3	32	60·4	53
Nerbudda ...	2	1·4	9	6·2	18	12·3	23	15·7	12	8·2	82	56·2	146
Total ...	9	2·6	15	4·4	28	8·1	60	18·8	36	10·4	192	55·7	345
Courts of Deputy Commissioners.													
Nagpur ..	4	12·1	3	9·1	3	9·1	6	18·1	3	9·1	14	42·5	33
Chanda ...	11	15·1	7	9·6	2	2·7	8	11·0	18	24·6	27	37·0	73
Bhandara ..	...		4	40	...	...	...	...	1	10·	5	50·	10
Wardha ..	2	50·	...	..	...	...	1	25			1	25·	4
Balaghat ..	30	16·6	18	8·3	14	6·4	13	6·0	39	18·0	97	44·7	217
Jubbulpore ..	...	.	2	7·1	1	3·6	6	21·4	3	10·7	16	57·2	28
Saugor ...	5	45·4	...		1	9·1	1	9·1	1	9·1	3	27·3	11
Damoh ...	24	11·0	10	4·6	14	6·4	20	9·2	38	17·4	112	51·4	218
Seoni ...	48	22·6	6	2·8	12	5·7	19	9·0	44	20·8	83	39·1	212
Mandla ...	17	44·8	1	3·6	1	2·6	1	2·6	8	21·1	10	26·3	38
Hoshangabad	5	4·5	3	2·7	9	8·1	13	11·7	8	7·2	73	65·8	111
Betul ..	29	9·8	7	2·4	10	3·4	50	17·0	32	10·8	167	56·6	295
Narsinghpur .	16	11·7	21	15·3	7	5·2	15	10·9	24	17·5	54	39·4	137
Chhindwara ...	135	41·0	39	11·9	9	2·7	26	7·9	65	19·8	55	16·7	329
Nimar ..	10	25	7	17·5	1	2·5	6	15	10	25	6	15	40
Raipur ..	..		...	.	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...
Sambalpur ..	13	7·2	24	13·3	8	4·5	12	6·7	24	13·3	99	55·	180
Balaspur ...	...	..	3	15	...	...	4	20·	1	5	12	60·	20
Total ...	355	18·2	155	7·9	92	4·7	201	10·3	319	16·3	834	42·6	1,956
Courts of Civil Judges.													
Nagpur ...	56	10·4	29	5·4	18	3·3	92	17·0	78	14·5	267	49·4	540
Chanda ...	36	15·6	16	6·9	6	2·6	46	19·9	42	18·2	85	36·8	231
Bhandara ...	28	7·5	17	4·5	30	7·9	86	22·8	96	25·5	120	31·8	377
Wardha ...	41	9·2	43	9·6	23	5·1	58	13·0	71	15·9	211	47·2	447
Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	.	.	...
Jubbulpore ...	3	1·1	20	7·3	17	6·2	45	16·4	68	24·8	121	44·2	274
Saugor ...	18	4·7	52	13·5	29	7·5	66	17·1	55	14·2	166	43·0	3,860
Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Seoni ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...
Hoshangabad ...	64	10·3	47	7·6	28	4·5	71	11·5	115	18·5	295	47·6	620
Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Narsinghpur ...	26	8·6	18	5·9	22	7·3	28	9·2	62	20·5	147	48·5	303
Chhindwara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
Nimar ...	53	16·8	4	1·3	21	6·6	49	15·5	68	21·5	121	38·3	316
Raipur ...	53	8·9	33	5·6	53	8·9	88	14·8	110	18·5	258	43·3	595
Sambalpur ...	31	17·6	20	11·4	3	1·7	30	17·0	35	19·9	57	32·4	176
Bilaspur ...	25	5·2	45	9·4	28	5·9	42	8·8	102	21·3	236	49·4	478
Total ...	434	9·1	344	7·3	278	5·9	701	14·8	902	19·0	2,084	43·9	4,743
GRAND TOTAL ...	930	12·0	557	7·2	449	5·8	1,007	12·9	1,373	17·6	3,466	44·5	7,782

The number of regular second appeals instituted in the Court of the Judicial Commissioner during 1892 was 735 as against 724 in 1891, and the number of disposals 665 as against 610 in 1891; 66 miscellaneous appeals were also disposed of in the year 1892, as against 59 in the previous year.

Several Deputy Commissioners have taken advantage of the appointment of Civil Judges for their districts to give up their Civil Appellate work to what the Officiating Judicial Commissioner cannot but think a most undesirable extent. The Deputy Commissioner of Raipur, as to whom it was remarked in the Civil Administration Report for 1891, that he ought to hear more Civil appeals than he had heard in that year, did not try one during the year under review, while the Deputy Commissioners of Wardha, Bhandara, Saugor, Bilaspur and Jubbulpore tried respectively 4, 10, 11, 20 and 28.

Until such time as they are completely relieved from responsibility for the Judicial work of the Lower Courts it is essential that Deputy Commissioners should keep in touch with the Civil work of their districts, and that they should not leave the Civil Appellate work entirely to their Civil Judges. Mr. Stevens does not think it too much to expect that each Deputy Commissioner should take up at least 10 appeals in each quarter.

In the Civil Report of last year the large decrease that had taken place in the proportion of appeals confirmed without notice to the respondent was commented upon, and after the receipt of the Chief Commissioner's Resolution on the Report, a Circular Letter was issued calling the attention of all Appellate Courts to the 3rd paragraph of the Resolution, which dealt with the subject, and inviting them to make "a judicious and reasonable exercise of the powers "conferred upon them by Section 551, of the Code of Civil Procedure." The Officiating Judicial Commissioner has been very much surprised and disappointed to learn that the instructions conveyed in that Circular Letter have been misinterpreted in opposite directions by certain Civil Judges. It has been supposed, on the one hand, that Appellate Courts were intended to hurry over their work in an unconscientious manner, and, on the other, that they were to waste their time and harass the appellant by invariably insisting on hearing him or his pleader before issuing notice to the respondent. The Officiating Judicial Commissioner has endeavoured by further instructions, issued since the close of the year, to put it beyond the possibility of any doubt that the directions in the original Circular Letter related only to appeals which appeared on the face of them not to be reasonable.

These extraordinary and—Mr. Stevens cannot but think—unintelligent misapprehensions may be responsible for the fact that the proportion of decrees confirmed on appeal without notice to the respondent has not risen in the Courts of Civil Judges.

In those of Deputy Commissioners there is an increase of 1·2 per cent. In the Courts of Judicial Assistants to Commissioners, the proportion is slightly lower than it was in the Courts of Commissioners in the year 1891. The appeals disposed of by these Courts are, however, frequently difficult and complicated, and the Officiating Judicial Commissioner does not think that a large proportion of them could properly be disposed of in a summary manner. It may be explained that the majority of the appeals disposed of by the Judicial

Commissioner without notice to respondents are appeals which are really appeals on the facts, and in which no substantial, or sometimes even ostensible, question of law arises.

The average duration of appeals has increased in the Judicial Commissioner's Court from 122·4 to 175·9 days. In the Judicial Assistants to Commissioners' Courts it has remained constant, except in the Court of the Judicial Assistant to Commissioner, Nerbudda Division, in whose Court it has increased from 94 to 118·2 days.

In the District Courts, too, the average duration of appeals has risen from 56·5 to 63·2, the increase being caused chiefly by the duration of cases at Nagpur, Wardha, Saugor and Bhandara. The Deputy Commissioner, Nagpur, gives as an explanation the weak state of his staff coupled with the increase in the number of appeals. The Deputy Commissioner, Wardha, states that the causes of the arrears of work and long durations were the slow rate of work, and subsequently the ill-health of the then Civil Judge. The Deputy Commissioner, Bhandara, alleges the Civil Judge's heavy magisterial work and ill-health as the reason.

The Officiating Judicial Commissioner recognises that the work in the Districts of Nagpur and Wardha was really heavy, but he cannot see why the Deputy Commissioner of Bhandara should not have taken such a share of the Civil Appellate work as materially to relieve the Civil Judge. The Deputy Commissioner himself writes that the small number of appeals disposed of by him would hardly warrant him in drawing an inference as to the relative value of the work of the Lower Courts. His district is a light one, and he might apparently without overtasking himself have taken 80 or 100 appeals from the Civil Judge instead of only 10. The Deputy Commissioner of Saugor attributes the increased duration of appeals in his district to the fact that the Civil Judge who worked there during nearly the whole of the year was an exceedingly slow worker, but the Officiating Judicial Commissioner thinks that in this case also the Deputy Commissioner might have very well done much more than he did to assist the Civil Judge.

Civil Appellate work in the Courts of the Judicial Assistants to Commissioners has had to be subordinated to their heavy Sessions work, and the average durations of regular and miscellaneous appeals in their Courts have increased from 119 and 62·3 to 134·5 and 94·9 days respectively.

E.—Execution of Decrees.

21. The number of applications for execution of decrees presented during the year was 90,930, of which 10,941 were left pending at the end of the year. The figures for 1891 were 86,399 and 10,292; thus there was an increase of over 5 per cent. in the applications and of almost 4 per cent. in the disposals. The increase in applications is most noticeable in Nagpur, Bhandara and Nimar; the Deputy Commissioner, Nagpur, states that the increase in execution proceedings is chiefly in the Small Cause and Munsiff's Courts, Nagpur. The Deputy Commissioner, Bhandara, does not explain or comment on the increase. The Deputy Commissioner, Nimar, states that it is mostly in the Court of the Munsiff, who believes the good harvest of 1891 to be the cause.

In Chanda, Wardha, Mandla, Sambalpur and Bilaspur the number of applications decreased very slightly. The number of applications transferred to Collectors increased from 968 to 1,278, Wardha, Jubbulpore, Saugor, Hoshangabad and Narsinghpur being responsible for the increase.

The numbers of decrees in which satisfaction was obtained in whole or in part were 17,496 and 15,989 as against 17,152 and 15,456 respectively. There were 43,469 infructuous applications as against 40,979 in 1891. The sub-division of column 6 of Statement No. VII mentioned in paragraph 21 of last year's report has been carried out, and the Statement shows that out of the 43,469 infructuous applications, 19,686 were dismissed for default or withdrawn, and 23,783 were otherwise infructuous.

It must be explained, however, that the figure 23,783 must be considerably above the mark, since the instructions to sub-divide column 6 were not issued until the 2nd quarter of the year, and thus in some districts the new classification has been shown only for the later quarters, and for Chanda it has not been shown at all. The amount realized after issue of process has remained constant, and the district figures have varied little. The amount realized without the issue of process, however, fluctuates violently, the figures in rupees for 1890, 1891 and 1892 being 15,878, 45,977 and 34,228, respectively. The variation in the figures for most of the districts is very considerable, some showing an increase, others a decrease. It is impossible in these circumstances to attempt to draw any general conclusions with respect to the totals.

The number of judgment debtors imprisoned has decreased from 110 to 96 as also has the number of those arrested but released without imprisonment, the latter figures for the past three years being respectively 712, 632 and 603.

The fees levied for the service and execution of processes amounted to Rs. 2,33,164 and the charges incurred in their execution to Rs. 87,069, thus leaving a profit of Rs. 1,46,093. The totals of fees levied and of charges incurred in 1891 were Rs. 2,14,491 and Rs. 87,563, respectively.

The improvement of the condition of the process-serving establishment has engaged the attention of the Chief Commissioner and of the Officiating Judicial Commissioner. The Chief Commissioner has approved of the Officiating Judicial Commissioner's proposal that 10 per cent. of the staff should consist of peons of the first grade on a salary of Rs. 10 a month, while the remaining grades should represent respectively 25, 45 and 20 per cent. of the total strength, drawing Rs. 9, Rs. 8, and Rs. 7, respectively.

A Proposition Statement for the re-organization of the establishment on this scale is now before the Chief Commissioner. Meanwhile instructions were issued in May 1892 directing the employment of 1st grade peons in checking and supervising the work of the peons of lower grades in addition to their other duties of serving the more important processes, holding sales of moveable property away from head-quarters and assisting in the Nazir's office. Deputy Commissioners were requested to notice in their Annual Reports the working of the scheme of supervision by 1st grade peons which was suggested by the Officiating Judicial Commissioner. The references of Deputy Commissioners to the matter are of a varied nature. All are agreed in one point, *viz.*, that their staff is not sufficient for adequate supervision to be carried on. Most Deputy Commissioners state that supervision is very necessary and that

what has already been done in this respect has produced good results. Most Deputy Commissioners also think that the agency of 1st grade process-servers is a good one for the work. The Deputy Commissioners of Nagpur and Betul, on the other hand, do not believe that the 1st grade men will be likely to report their fellow peons for irregularities. The Additional Sessions Judge, Jubbulpore and Nerbudda Divisions, considers that whilst return of processes fraudulently reported as served is not common, other irregularities on the part of the process-servers—assisting a defendant or witness in avoiding service of summons, misappropriating diet money, &c.—are by no means of infrequent occurrence, that supervision of the lower grade peons is badly needed and that the present 1st grade process-servers are an adequate agency for the purpose. Several District Officers state that the scheme of supervision has been in force for too short a period for them to express any definite opinion as to its value. The Officiating Judicial Commissioner considers that on the whole the testimony as to the working of the new system may be regarded as encouraging, and he trusts that next year's reports will show that there has been a decided improvement in the work of the process-serving establishment.

It is desirable that the system should be worked regularly and methodically, and Mr. Stevens thinks that it would be advisable in all districts having more than one Assistant at head-quarters, for the Nazir's establishment to be put in charge of some one of the Assistants, who will be responsible for the general supervision of the work of the department, since the multifarious nature of the Deputy Commissioner's duties tends to lead him to leave the working of the process-serving establishment too much to the unchecked control of the Nazir.

Proposals for an increase in the process-serving establishments at Wardha, Raipur and Sambalpur are under consideration.

At Nagpur proposals were submitted during the year for the amalgamation of the three process-serving establishments, attached respectively to the District Court, the Tahsil, and the Small Cause Court. At the close of the year a scheme of amalgamation was sanctioned experimentally for six months, and it came into force at the beginning of this year. It is hoped that considerable economy of labour and of cost will result from it.

F.—Work done by Officers.

22. The following Tables O to S are Comparative Statements, showing the work done year by year during the last five years by the various Courts of the Provinces. Table T shows the work done during the year by Civil Judges.

TABLE O.

Work done by the Judicial Commissioner.

Second Appeals					Miscellaneous Appeals					Applications under Section 622, C. C. P.				
1888.	1889	1890.	1891	1892	1888	1889	1890	1891.	1892	1888	1889	1890.	1891	1892.
709	554	746	610	665	47	30	69	59	66	156	185	158	169	152

TABLE P.

Work done by Commissioners and Judicial Assistants to Commissioners.

Courts.	Regular Appeals					Miscellaneous Appeals.				
	1888	1889	1890.	1891.	1892	1888	1889	1890.	1891.	1892.
Commissioner of Nagpur ..	68	68	50	77	1	4	6	6	2	...
Commissioner of Jubbulpore	60	75	63	60	..	13	12	10	16	..
Commissioner of Nerbudda ..	130	122	96	124	...	15	25	32	48	..
Commissioner of Chhattisgarh	50	54	44	33	1	22	16	18	18	...
Total	308	319	253	294	2	54	59	66	84	
Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Nagpur Division ..	...	...	...	...	112	..	...	..	...	7
Do do. Chhattisgarh Division ..	...	...	..	...	29	.	..	...	...	3
Do do. Jubbulpore do. ..	...	...	. .	.	43	...	...	...	...	10
Do. do. Nerbudda do. ..	.	...	. .		134	...	...		...	12
Total ..	...	...	..	...	318	. .	...	..	...	32

TABLE Q.

Work done by Deputy Commissioners.

Districts	Original suits					Miscellaneous suits.					Execution cases.					Insolvency cases					Regular appeals					Miscellaneous appeals				
	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1888.	1889	1890	1891	1892	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892.
Nagpur .	...		...	2	1	...	...	...	..	...	3	3	5	1	3		...	...	..	..	135	117	65	48	32	6	12	3	1	1
Chanda .	3	1	5	2	..	7	1	12	9	7	1	2	5	17	6		...		...	...	269	160	155	122	71	13	9	11	15	2
Bhandara ..	3	10	4	6	5	9	27	53	69	4	5	9	7	12	.	2		1	2	...	327	288	232	206	10	20	16	16	14	..
Wardha ..	..	1	...	..	..	3	..	...	...	...	...	1	1	.		...		...		...	115	119	82	136	4	4	3	...	6	..
Balaghat ..	...	6	11	23	20	16	3	10	8	17	5	7	6	18	11	...	.	.	1	..	165	145	152	121	210	4	9	8	6	7
Jubbulpore ...	...	...	..	...	..	34	45	9	...	.	9	1	.	...	...		..			.	159	217	137	191	26	7	10	12	22	2
Saugor ..	3	1	...	1	1	2	...	...	1	4	1	.		..	2	2	..	..		..	81	60	70	21	10	5	1	2	6	1
Damoh ..	...	4	5	...	7	4	5	2	16	51	4	4	4	5	9	3	1	3	2	...	183	251	222	179	209	7	5	18	12	9
Seoni ...	14	28	34	20	19	11	6	18	5	28	27	22	33	33	26	2	3		1	3	261	250	233	229	202	18	7	10	11	10
Mandla	..	..	...	5	7	9	2	2	1	2	..	...	...	..	6	2	...	2	2	1	78	72	62	74	34	1	6	5	5	4
Hoshangabad ..	1	...	3	2	1	...	...	.	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	...	232	251	315	199	103	17	18	38	2	8
Betul .	4	5	4	3	2	10	6	17	47	35	11	9	9	6	1	3	.	1	.	..	281	274	236	210	290	16	14	12	2	5
Narsinghpur .	...	1	8	8	...	...	6	127	22	29	.		..	7	...	1	...	...		...	222	141	103	197	128	20	20	28	50	9
Chhindwara ...	30	2	2	3	6	21	7	4	17	28	27	23	13	11	15	.	...		1	1	239	242	230	286	313	10	7	12	23	16
Nimar ..	5	4	4	1	.	13	4	.	10	7	5	4	8	3	3	..	...	1		.	312	219	278	315	40	17	15	43	25	..
Raipur ..	6	1	...	...	...	19	1	...	...	..	3	..	...	...	...	...	...		1	.	157	52	15	64		20	1	1	...	..
Sambalpur ..	11	1	1	1	...	27	23	18	7	33	8	3	4	3	3	10	7	6	1	1	126	106	123	213	180	14	8	7	...	...
Bilaspur ..	2	4	5	...	...	4	9	12	2	...	3	7	5	2	2	1	1	2	.	...	56	98	152	61	19	5	4	3	...	1
TOTAL ..	89	69	86	77	66	189	145	284	214	245	116	95	100	118	87	26	12	16	11	6	3,398	3,062	2,862	2,872	1,881	204	165	224	217	75

TABLE R.

Work done by Assistant and Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Districts.	Original suits.					Miscellaneous suits.					Execution cases.					Insolvency cases					Regular appeals.					Miscellaneous appeals.				
	1888	1889	1890.	1891	1892.	1888.	1889	1890	1891	1892.	1888	1889.	1890	1891	1892.	1888	1889	1890	1891	1892	1888	1889	1890	1891.	1892	1888	1889	1890	1891.	1892.
Nagpur ...	1,329	1,239	1,520	1,174	966	201	105	97	117	92	1,229	1,162	1,005	1,114	940	92	28	36		.	457	288	352	.	..	44	38	33		...
Chanda ..	564	548	546	428	531	154	91	82	72	75	496	438	458	423	446	2	1	...			...	77	122	..	.	...	5	4		...
Bhandara ..	843	824	834	673	692	168	135	122	208	176	786	768	760	712	693	.	...		..	..		...	..	..		..	...	...	..	
Wardha ...	710	749	1,015	1,127	863	132	70	145	163	93	781	721	770	675	769	.	2	6			379	339	454		..	37	33	37		...
Balaghat ..	362	342	283	306	464	42	30	47	17	27	355	297	286	303	338	.		...	...	...	..			..	.	...				...
Jubbulpore ...	974	1,102	1,062	965	1,152	92	93	126	138	37	599	665	745	723	738	18	3	20	.		193	100	115	..	.	2	8	13	.	...
Saugor ..	840	718	630	932	682	142	114	163	69	160	685	532	573	530	577	5	3	4	.	.	169	255	270			11	4	2	..	..
Damoh ..	483	459	390	327	373	22	43	26	18	71	290	246	310	226	232			..	..	...	...	..	..	..		...	..	.	.	...
Seoni ...	519	529	579	431	217	88	55	53	74	41	391	366	469	496	254				..	.	...	...	...	.	...	...	..		...	..
Mandla ..	168	131	123	137	149	20	16	16	17	17	97	98	80	74	72				...	..			.		.	..	..	.	...	...
Hoshangabad	1,283	1,275	1,372	1,232	1,287	103	139	287	194	165	1,058	1,251	1,408	1,313	1,299		1	10	17	7	426	322	363	...	..	38	28	3	..	..
Betul ..	360	361	308	416	398	50	29	46	64	58	207	254	203	265	250		2	..	...	...	..		...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...
Narsinghpur	1,278	968	1,030	1,207	954	139	302	240	79	402	993	873	841	942	958	19	1	.	...	.	32	446	282	..	...	22	35	54	..	...
Chhindwara	478	572	653	585	594	44	75	62	67	9	389	376	376	453	443	.	..			...			...	...	...	...	...		..	...
Nimar ..	838	592	661	593	621	181	153	121	65	81	840	622	701	626	604	12	15	16	...	1	...	101	35	..	...	...	7	3	...	.
Raipur ...	1,027	964	1,054	1,252	1,240	94	94	78	108	85	549	466	580	502	502	5	8	5		..	579	425	444	...	...	28	37	34	...	—
Sambalpur ...	637	538	826	1,212	781	29	63	71	41	97	303	276	350	393	305		.	...	.		161	138	175	...	...	5	7	5	...	...
Bilaspur ..	584	495	650	753	722	47	61	48	67	52	338	295	372	321	332	2	...	2	..		320	175	174	...	...	16	11	4	..	...
Total ...	13,277	12,406	13,536	13,750	12,686	1,748	1,668	1,830	1,578	1,822	10,386	9,806	10,287	10,091	9,752	155	64	69	17	8	3,011	2,666	2,786	...	...	202	231	246	..	...

TABLE 8.

Work done by Tahsildars, Munsiffs and Naib-Tahsildars.

Districts.	Original Suits.					Miscellaneous Suits.					Execution Cases.				
	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1888.	1889	1890.	1891.	1892.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Nagpur	10,261	9,075	8,426	7,698	7,605	1,028	821	787	763	998	9,080	8,348	7,982	8,721	8,856
Chanda	5,039	4,177	4,071	3,728	3,900	583	592	574	492	486	3,720	3,020	3,119	3,249	3,049
Bhandara	6,066	6,428	6,310	4,893	5,647	693	777	747	608	678	4,022	4,401	2,800	5,405	6 432
Wardha	6,690	6,205	5,957	5,769	6,339	956	906	772	723	847	6,562	5,594	5,754	6,070	6,094
Balaghat	2,676	2,455	2,481	2,070	2,315	170	192	139	185	95	1,578	1,707	1,585	1,815	2,166
Jubbulpore	3,294	2,540	3,042	2,636	3,039	151	177	242	211	234	1,693	1,584	1,775	1,829	1,902
Saugor	4,355	4,617	5,181	5,305	5,905	357	363	469	430	530	2,494	2,497	3,298	3,383	3.684
Damoh	2,726	3,110	2,947	2,462	2,520	165	190	219	124	168	1,271	1,496	1,784	1.544	1,820
Seoni	2,304	2,288	2,615	2,467	2,726	127	138	159	167	209	1,316	1,204	1,512	1,469	1,814
Mandla	1,048	1,184	1,083	984	950	42	37	48	30	37	296	349	412	446	331
Hoshangabad	6,517	5,585	6,495	6,486	6,624	325	432	448	426	429	4,357	4,176	5,064	4,839	5,043
Betul	2,357	2,296	2,177	2,133	2,184	202	236	259	238	261	1,406	1,341	1 442	3.096	1,550
Narsinghpur	5,495	4,923	5,008	4,170	4,704	196	392	303	247	284	3,623	3,915	4,522	4,228	4,323
Chhindwara .. .	3,491	3,086	2,532	2,371	2,804	208	196	211	199	256	2,497	2,261	2,225	2,027	2,067
Nimar	6,297	5,729	5,324	5,052	6,391	492	457	477	382	491	4,653	4,263	4,675	3.955	5,015
Raipur	6,871	5,483	6,992	5,139	5,219	174	207	317	228	258	2,738	2,814	3,570	3,029	2.824
Sambalpur	3,358	2,450	2,668	2,035	2,469	173	157	131	138	171	1,347	1,132	1,219	1,043	982
Bilaspur	5,876	3,799	5,094	4,771	4,767	226	173	178	224	194	1,788	1,614	1,991	1,968	1,941
Total ...	84,721	75,430	78,433	70,169	76,108	6,268	6,443	6,480	5,815	6,626	54,441	51,716	54,732	56,416	59,893

TABLE T.

Work done by Civil Judges

Districts.	Original Suits.		Miscellaneous Suits.		Execution Cases.		Insolvency Cases.		Regular Appeals.		Miscellaneous Appeals.	
	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.	1891.	1892.
Nagpur ...	16	92	3	3	18	73	41	48	308	481	48	59
Chanda ...	15	20	18	26	19	31	.	1	117	223	14	8
Bhandara ...	...	4	...	84	...	14	...	1	...	354		28
Wardha ...	66	74	15	10	63	83	11	8	399	408	21	39
Balaghat ...	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	.	...	...	...
Jubbulpore ...	13	28	12	4	17	11	4	10	162	250	7	24
Saugor ..	49	38	32	144	84	61	6	3	304	363	10	23
Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
Seoni ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	...
Mandla ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoshangabad ..	26	28	46	38	49	28	10	2	504	551	45	69
Betul ...	.	...	...	...	...	...	.		...	...	...	...
Narsinghpur ..	97	265	122	53	162	222	..	...	266	296	35	7
Chhindwara .	...	...	...			.	..	...	...	...	...	...
Nimar		26	...	25	..	23	1	15		299	...	17
Raipur .	53	50	30	24	75	46	9	5	433	553	27	42
Sambalpur ...	7	7	22	27	16	11	9	1	135	176	..	...
Bilaspur ...	33	24	30	32	43	38	4	..	277	447	20	31
Total ...	375	656	330	470	546	641	95	94	2,905	4,401	230	342

23. One of the most important changes in the Judicial Administration of the Provinces during the year under review, has been the virtual substitution referred to above in paragraph 2 of this Report, so far as Civil Judicial work is concerned, of two Judicial Assistants to Commissioners for the four Commissioners, by whom the most important first appeals have hitherto been heard. The experience of the year has shown that the work is more than two officers can fairly be expected to cope with, in addition to the very large amount of criminal work which they have been called on to perform. It is a matter of course, that where the two classes of work come into conflict, the exigencies of the criminal work must prevail, and the arrangements which have been made for the hearing of Civil appeals have repeatedly had to give way to Sessions of unexpected length. Mr. Stevens desires to acknowledge the untiring efforts that these officers have made to keep pace with their work, and he would be glad if it were found possible to afford them some substantial relief. It has been found altogether impossible for them to undertake any inspection of the subordinate Courts.

A similar striking feature has been the very great extent to which Deputy Commissioners have given place in the performance of Civil work to Civil Judges, 8 of whom had been introduced from other Provinces up to the end of the year under review for that purpose.

District Officers tried only 1,881 Regular appeals and 75 Miscellaneous appeals during the year 1892, against 2,872 and 217, respectively, during the preceding year. The Officiating Judicial Commissioner has no doubt that eventually a complete separation of judicial and executive work will be advantageous to both, but, as has already been indicated in the course of this Report, he fears that in the present state of transition, the judicial work is likely to suffer unless the District Officers maintain touch with it, and exercise over it that steady personal supervision which they alone are in a position to exercise, so long as the present system remains in force.

In connection with the subject of supervision, it may be mentioned that as a means of checking dilatoriness of procedure and facilitating supervision, the Officiating Judicial Commissioner has introduced during the course of the past year, the system which has long been in use with great success in Bengal, of keeping a separate order-sheet attached to the record of every case, by which the whole history of the proceeding and every order passed in it may be seen at a glance, instead of having to be laboriously traced through a more or less bulky record, as has hitherto been the case. As the entries in the order-sheet are not in addition to, but in substitution of, those which are now scattered through the record, its maintenance does not involve any appreciable increase of clerical labour, while it affords an invaluable aid to supervising and inspecting officers.

The experience of the past year enables Mr. Stevens rather to endorse than to add to the remarks which were inserted in the Civil Administration Report for the year 1891 on the information of his predecessor, Mr. J. W. Neill, as to the quality of the judicial work done by the different classes of officers in these Provinces.

The Officiating Judicial Commissioner desires that the names of the following officers may be brought to the favourable notice of the Chief Commissioner for their judicial work.

Judicial Assistant to Commissioner.

Mr. Ismay.

Deputy Commissioners.

Colonel R. M. B. Thomas.
" T. A. Scott.
Mr. T. Drysdale.
" W. A. Nedham.
" H. H. Priest.
" A. C. Duff.
" M. W. Fox-Strangways.
" A. L. Saunders.
" A. S. Womack.
" H. A. Crump.
" J. A. C. Skinner.
" H. M. Laurie.
" Alay Mahomed.*

* Rendered special assistance when Officiating Deputy Commissioner, Mandla, by his careful supervision of the subordinate Civil Courts

Assistant Commissioner.

Mr. C. W. Burn.*

Civil Judges.

Rao Sahib Bapu Rao Patwardhan.
„ C. Rangaya Naidu.
Mr. Bhargo Rao.
„ Gopal Dutt Joshi.
„ Madhab Chandar Banerji.
„ Yado Madho Rao.
„ Kashinath Kesho Thakur.
„ T. N. Deshmukh.
„ Sadashco Rao.

Extra-Assistant Commissioners.

Mr. Ganpat Rao Shrikhande.
„ P. Greany.
„ Mohan Chandar Chatterji.
„ Balaji Gangadhar.
„ J. May.
„ Vinaik Rao Kelkar.
„ Kripa Shankar.

Tahsildars.

Mr. Madho Rao Jaganath.
„ Ramchandra Sheoram.
„ Bhagwant Rai.
„ Damodhar Ganesh.
„ Dhundiraj Janardhan.
„ Sher Mahomed Khan.
„ Rang Rao Venkatesh.
„ Narain Rao Deo.
„ Gopal Rao Dongre.
„ Krishna Rao Paradkar.
„ Mukund Rao.
„ Muna Lal.
„ Raghunath Rao Sheorey.

Munsiffs.

Mr. Laxman Ganesh Nakharey.
„ Mir Patcha.
„ Shankar Rao.
„ Sundar Lal.

Naib-Tahsildar.

Mr. Vishnu Gangadhar.

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* Others are not named who have acted as Deputy Commissioners and have been entered in the above list of Deputy Commissioners.

G.—Miscellaneous.

24. The office of Judicial Commissioner was held by Mr. J. F. Stevens throughout the year.

Mr. Stevens inspected the following districts during the year :—

Seoni.

Chhindwara.

Nimar.

Wardha.

Betul.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

A. MAYNE,

Registrar.

PRESCRIBED

STATEMENTS.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. I.—(Civil and Criminal).

Statement showing the number of Judicial Divisions and the number of officers exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction in the Central Provinces on the last day of the year 1892 with the cost of Tribunals.

Name of Province.		Area.	Population.	Number of Divisions for Courts under Chief Court, but superior to Chief Courts of Districts.	Number of Districts.	Number of Sub-Districts.	Total number of officers exercising original or appellate jurisdiction. Judges of Chief Court of Provinces.	Judges of other Courts superior to Chief District Courts.	Judges of Chief Courts of Districts.	Judges of District Courts other than Chief Courts.	Judges of other subordinate Courts.	Total number of cases decided. Original. Regular.	Original. Miscellaneous.	Appeals. Regular.	Appeals. Miscellaneous.	Total receipts of the Courts.	Total charges of the Courts.
1		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
																Rs.	Rs.
Central Provinces — Territory subject to the High Court	Civil and Revenue	84,445	10,774,891	4	18	50	1	6	18	53	124	100,819	9,614	7,267	515	13,50,157	15,74,240
	Criminal									51	263	26,306	1,523	3,482	217		
Ditto not subject to the High Court	Civil and Revenue	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
	Criminal	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	...
Total		84,445	10,774,891	4	18	50	1	6	18	56	329	127,125	11,137	10,749	732	13,50,157	15,74,240

NOTE.—Number of European and Native Judicial Officers exercising Appellate or Original Jurisdiction.

The Civil Courts are those described in Act XVI of 1885. On the Criminal side District Officers are included with 1st Class Magistrates

CIVIL.

	Euro.	Natives.
Naib-Tahsildars	0	45
Munsiffs	0	21
Judges of Small Cause Courts	Europeans. 2	Natives. 2
Registrars of Small Cause Courts	Europeans. 0	Natives. 2
Courts of — Tahsildars, 1st Class	0	43
Courts of — Tahsildars, 2nd Class	0	9
Courts of — Assistant Commissioners, 1st Class	6	10
Courts of — Assistant Commissioners, 2nd Class	3	7
Courts of — Assistant Commissioners, 3rd Class	6	9
Courts of — Civil Judges	0	12
Courts of — Deputy Commissioners	18	0
Courts of — Commissioners	4	0
Courts of — Judicial Assistants to Commissioners	2	0
Courts of — Judicial Commissioner	1	0

CRIMINAL.

	Euro.	Natives.
High Court Judges	1	0
Sessions Judges	4	0
Additional Sessions Judges	2	0
Magistrates, 1st Class	29	30
Magistrates, 2nd Class	3	93
Magistrates, 3rd Class	6	132
Cantonment Magistrates	4	0

* The total columns 7 to 11 show the actual number of individuals as required. As same Officer has in some (but not in all) cases both Civil and Criminal powers, the figure totals of columns 10 and 11 are higher than totals.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 7—(Civil).

Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1892.

Class of Tribunals.	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits between landlord and tenant.						Title and other suits.																	
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the rent law.	Moveable property or the value thereof.	Damages.	Suits for ejectment.	Suits for recovery of possession.	Suits for arrears of rent.	Suits for recovery of a penalty for the levy of anything in excess of rent by a landlord.	Suits for recovering penalty from a landlord for refusing a receipt or giving a defective receipt.	All other suits between landlord and tenant not included above.	Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowment.	Suits to set aside judgments, contract or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partitions.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865 (also Hindu Wills' Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Grand Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																																			
I.—Civil Courts.																																			
Unpaid Tribunals ...	56	21	14	4	12	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	40	1	15	103	...	...	...	2	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	284
Village Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals.	33,805	14,747	3,849	631	4,023	606	772	394	4,047	2,430	...	1	9,178	...	3	1	1,445	37	3	709	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	76,682
Small Cause Courts ...	5,259	1,305	837	61	3,019	197	31	185	170	154	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11,218
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ..	1,707	463	311	60	31	16	26	39	176	307	1,161	1,611	163	...	1	11	4,004	335	335	1,991	43	25	...	106	8	229	14	1	1	...	3	...	58	13,236
Chief Courts of Districts ...	13	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	7	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	10	4		18	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	9	77
Total ...	40,840	16,537	5,012	756	7,085	819	830	618	4,401	2,900	1,162	1,613	9,342	...	4	12	5,499	377	353	2,821	46	26	...	111	8	237	14	...	2	1	...	3	...	69	101,498
II.—Revenue Courts.																																			
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																																			
Presidency Small Cause Courts.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	40,840	16,537	5,012	756	7,085	819	830	618	4,401	2,900	1,162	1,613	9,342	...	4	12	5,499	377	353	2,821	46	26	...	111	8	237	14	...	2	1	...	3	...	69	101,498

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 8—(Civil.)

Statements showing number and value of suits instituted in the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces, in the year 1892.

Value of Suits.	Number of suits instituted in the different Courts.										Remarks.
	Not exceeding Rs. 10.	Ditto Rs. 50.	Ditto Rs. 100.	Ditto Rs. 500.	Ditto Rs. 1,000.	Ditto Rs. 5,000.	Ditto Rs. 10,000.	Exceeding Rs. 10,000.	Number of suits the value of which cannot be estimated in money.	Total value of suits.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.										Rs.	
I.—Civil Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	8	43	36	174	...	...	...	...	...	48,762	
Village Courts	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	15,830	40,678	12,698	7,500	...	...	...	...	...	32,71,792	
Small Cause Courts	3,330	5,197	1,502	1,109	80	...	...	...	...	5,31,065	
District Court other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	1,751	3,130	1,649	4,395	1,257	768	66	48	172	64,23,694	
Chief Courts of Districts	2	3	4	7	1	44	9	6	1	5,18,348	
Total ...	20,921	49,051	15,889	13,185	1,338	812	75	54	173	1,07,93,661	
II.—Revenue Courts.											
Unpaid Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	
Collectors' Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.											
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Grand Total ...	20,921	49,051	15,889	13,185	1,338	812	75	54	173	1,07,93,661	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9.—(Civil).

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces, in the year 1892.

PART I.—CIVIL SUITS.

Class of Courts.	Total number of suits before the Courts.	Number of suits disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of year.	Average duration of suits.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.				Contested.	Uncontested.	
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*	Dismissed *ex-parte*	For plaintiff.	For defendant	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Unpaid Tribunals	373	...	56	23	51	43	8	...	...	111	10	71	4	76·0	48·1	
Village Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals	83,545	...	16,749	7,817	15,143	14,447	694	22	7	15,937	5,284	7,474	291	56 9	37 5	
Small Cause Courts ..	11,993	...	1,486	1,109	2,484	3,663	101	4	...	1,853	598	699	25	31 1	24·2	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	15,888	1	2,533	916	1,405	1,245	215	19	3	4,600	2,162	2,811	701	105 5	63·7	
Chief Courts of Districts	90	...	5	6	14	1	...	1	...	31	18	15	1	100·6	50 8	
Total ...	1,11,889	1	20,829	9,871	19,097	19,399	1,018	46	10	22,532	8,072	11,070	1,022	65 7	38·2	
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Presidency Small Cause Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
GRAND TOTAL ..	1,11,889	1	20,829	9,871	19,097	19,399	1,018	46	10	22,532	8,072	11,070	1,022	65·7	38 2	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 9.—(Civil.)

Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil and Revenue cases in the Courts of original jurisdiction in the Central Provinces, in the year 1892.

PART II—MISCELLANEOUS CASES (JUDICIAL).

Class of Courts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	No. of cases pending more than 3 months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.						
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or in part.	Judgment for defendant.			Contested.	Uncontested.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
I.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Unpaid Tribunals	35	...	5	...	1	2	...		...	16	9	2	...	33·5	12·4	
Village Courts	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	7,105	...	1,861	182	676	684	305	29	15	1,759	1,115	479	4	35·5	26·9	
Small Cause Courts	466	..	190	7	16	94	33	2	...	63	43	18	...	29·4	13·8	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	2,515	2	813	36	197	271	87	2	7	507	339	254	10	45·8	33·6	
Chief Courts of Districts	258	...	67	2	36	44	20	1	...	61	15	12	...	30·9	19·9	
Total ...	10,379	2	2,936	227	926	1,095	445	34	22	2,406	1,521	765	14	37·5	27·5	
II.—REVENUE COURTS.																
Unpaid Local Tribunals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Other Subordinate Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
District Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Superior Courts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
GRAND TOTAL ...	10,379	2	2,936	227	926	1,095	445	34	22	2,406	1,521	765	14	37·5	27·5	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10—(Civil.)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces in the year 1892.

PART I.—APPEALS.

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																
A.—CIVIL COURTS.																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District ...	5,488	..	...	309	434	25	38	19	1,908	656	812	200	1,087	311	71·9	54
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts	2,051	...	...	151	375	10	17	9	771	188	283	77	170	19	42·8	12
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province ...	469	...	...	14	10	1	...	1	173	66	31	24	149	52	134·6	13
Total ...	8,008	...	...	474	819	36	55	29	2,852	910	1,126	301	1,406	382	66·7	79
B.—REVENUE COURTS.																
Collectors' Appellate Courts	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Commissioners' Appellate Courts	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from original decrees	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from Appellate do. Civil ...	1,063	...	...	39	129	2	4	4	308	36	101	42	398	198	175·9	3
Chief Court of Province. Appeals from Appellate do. Revenue ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,063	...	...	39	129	2	4	4	308	36	101	42	398	198	175·9	3
GRAND TOTAL ...	9,071	...	...	513	948	38	59	33	3,160	946	1,227	343	1,804	580	76·6	82

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 10.—(Civil.)

Statement showing the business of the Civil and Revenue Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces in the year 1892.

PART II.—MISCELLANEOUS APPEALS.—(JUDICIAL.)

Class of Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces	Appeals summarily rejected	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of those pending more than 3 months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.
					Confirmed	Modified	Reversed	Remanded	Confirmed.	Modified	Reversed	Remanded.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																
APPEALS FROM ORIGINAL DECREES.																
A.—CIVIL COURTS																
Chief Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of District ..	425	...	34	35	56	3	5	15	86	17	47	44	83	27	52·4	...
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts ..	82	..	9	4	11	3	1	2	23	..	18	4	7	3	37·1	...
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province ..	41	.	1	1	5	...	..	..	17	...	5	3	9	...	94·9	...
Total ...	548		44	40	72	6	6	17	126	17	70	51	99	30	52·9	...
B.—REVENUE COURTS.																
Collectors' Appellate Courts	..	...	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...
Commissioners' Appellate Courts	...			...	..		...	...	..	..	...		...	...	...	..
Total ..	...	...	...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																
Chief Court of Province ... { Appeals from original decrees ...	...	...	..	.	..	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	.	...
Chief Court of Province ... { Appeals from appellate do. ...	83	...	2	4	14	...	1	...	30	...	10	5	17	60	141 3	...
Total ...	83	...	2	4	14	...	1	...	30	...	10	5	17	60	141 3	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	631	...	46	44	86	6	7	17	156	17	80	56	116	90	64·2	...

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 11—(Civil).

Statement showing the result of proceedings on applications for the execution of the decrees of the Civil and Revenue Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1892.

Class of Courts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of				Pending at the end of the year	Number of applications pending more than three months at the close of the year	Amounts realized		Number of applications.											
		By transfer.	Satisfaction obtained in full.	Satisfaction obtained in part.	Wholly infructuous.			With the issue of processes.	Without the issue of processes.	On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	On which he was arrested but released without imprisonment.	On which moveable property Was sold.	On which moveable property Was attached, but subsequently released.	On which immoveable property Was sold.	On which immoveable property Was dealt with under Sections 305, 322 or 326, Act XIV of 1882.	On which immoveable property Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	On which possession was given Of moveables.	On which possession was given Of immoveables.	On which specific performance was enforced.	On which partition was effected.	On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding columns.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
COURTS IN THE INTERIOR.																					
I.—Civil Courts.																					
Unpaid Tribunals ...	215	11	32	55	81	36	1	4,138	..	...	...	8	6	8	6	21	...	23	...	...	...
Village Courts ..	.	...	...	...	.	..	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...
Paid Sub-Divisional Tribunals ...	68,311	1,614	12,493	11,235	34,550	8,419	534	6,74,873	9,073	74	488	2,987	4,827	2,693	708	3,598	28	374	...	...	13
Small Cause Courts ...	10,473	800	1,460	2,482	4,868	857	44	75,319	3,777	7	91	356	346	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	11,829	596	3,486	2,195	3,938	1,614	286	4,58,357	21,376	15	23	422	587	526	430	723	88	2,154	7	...	8
Chief Courts of Districts ...	102	8	25	22	32	15	4	63,800	2	...	1	9	8	2	4	5	3	13	...	...	1
Superior Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	90,930	3,035	17,496	15,989	43,469	10,941	869	12,76,487	34,228	96	603	3,782	5,774	3,229	1,148	4,347	129	2,564	7	...	22
II.—Revenue Courts.																					
Unpaid Local Tribunals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Other Subordinate Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
District Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
COURTS AT THE PRESIDENCY OR SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.																					
Presidency Small Cause Courts ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Superior Courts ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	90,930	3,035	17,496	15,989	43,469	10,941	869	12,76,487	34,228	96	603	3,782	5,774	3,229	1,148	4,347	129	2,564	7	...	22

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 12—(Civil.)

Statement showing the number and result of applications and proceedings under Chapter XX. Act XIV of 1882 in the Central Provinces in the year 1892.

Class of Courts	Applications for a declaration of Insolvency.								Number of insolvents discharged during the year under Section 355	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers in which proceeding were finally closed during the year	Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.		Gross amounts of insolvency assets realized and disbursed		Remarks.
	Total number of hearings	Transferred to another Province, withdrawn &c	Granted.		Rejected.			Pending at the close of the year			Admitted.	Satisfied.	Realized during the year.	Disbursed during the year.	
			A receiver being appointed	A receiver not being appointed	Penal proceedings under Section 359, not being taken	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
											Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	
Courts other than Chief Courts of District ...	121	47	8	35	12			19	7	2	10,873	3,552	3,989	3,250	
Chief Courts of District ...	9	1	2	2	1	...		3	1	1	721	3,976	17,471	17,056	
Superior Courts	...	...	...		..	..	...	..	..	.	..	...	...	...	
TOTAL	130	48	10	37	13		...	22	8	3	11,594	7,528	21,460	20,306	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. 13—(Civil and Criminal)

showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Civil and Criminal Courts in the Central Provinces in the year 1889 is blank as a Civil Return.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS.

[Giving Statistics of Civil Suits only, and showing totals for each District.]

Statement showing the number and description of Suits instituted and re-instituted

Districts	Suits for money or moveable property.										Suits between landlords and tenants.					
	Contract in writing.	Contract not in writing.	On account stated.	Money had and received.	Goods sold.	Wages, work and materials.	Breach of contract not mentioned above.	Rent not falling under the Rent Law.	Moveable property or value thereof.	Damages	Suits for ejectment.	Suits for recovery of possession.	Suits for arrears of rent.	Suits for recovery of a penalty for the levy of anything in excess of rent by a landlord	Suits for recovering penalty from a landlord for refusing a receipt or giving a defective receipt.	All other suits between landlord and tenant not included above.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nagpur ..	7,088	1,983	678	96	3,104	149	27	154	583	395	35	1	1,010	..	...	.
Chanda ..	2,039	674	302	41	258	22	36	21	399	151	13	39	333		3	...
Bhandara ..	3,603	1,092	25	51	71	13	72	6	114	188	153	25	762	...	.	...
Wardha .	2,695	710	859	110	783	32	21	28	513	159	52	24	866	...	...	..
Balaghat	913	662	13	6	52	32	1	10	194	167	69	65	163	...	...	...
Jubbulpore ..	2,527	902	480	47	497	91	6	68	208	218	17	315	915	..	.	1
Saugor ..	2,698	1,476	890	8	142	24	4	31	248	76	52	172	586	..	1	...
Damoh ...	998	384	522	11	38	6	...	8	148	75	5	52	222	..	...	...
Seoni	1,121	598	58	4	255	26	339	8	51	137	10	59	211	..	.	.
Mandla ..	262	364	43	5	64	10	11	4	68	87	16	40	121	..	...	...
Hoshangabad ..	4,211	1,212	446	17	53	87	10	39	86	119	64	131	858	.	...	..
Betul ..	1,082	429	57	31	127	39	1	6	110	78	28	19	208	..		6
Narsinghpur ..	2,282	522	175	45	167	25	11	9	239	65	24	46	1,284	..	...	3
Chhindwara ..	1,330	396	75	74	189	40	22	8	257	87	30	67	187	..		...
Nimar ...	3,903	656	251	105	654	79	9	43	237	81	56	42	280	...	...	2
Raipur ...	2,000	1,940	98	53	252	63	159	59	237	339	405	254	530	...	...	
Sambalpur .	741	557	26	48	107	25	30	48	312	252	71	114	291	..	...	...
Bilaspur ..	1,317	1,980	8	4	272	56	71	68	397	226	62	148	515	..	..	...
Judicial Assistant to Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division	..	..	...	.	...			...	...	...		...	.	..	...	...
Ditto do Nagpur Division	..	...	...	..	...		...	...		..	..	..	...	..	.	...
Total .. 1892 .	40,840	16,537	5,012	756	7,085	819	830	618	4,401	2,900	1,162	1,613	9,342	..	4	12
Total .. 1891 ..	39,376	16,125	4,692	754	5,616	772	680	592	3,932	2,635	1,447	1,398	8,210	1	1	21

STATEMENT No.—II.—Exhibition of

Rs																
Not exceeding 10	3,213	5,780	827	195	3,918	346	231	273	1,271	710	312	651	2,123		...	...
Ditto 50	22,126	8,180	2,359	281	2,542	375	386	240	2,212	1,222	528	603	4,987	..	1	1
Ditto 100	8,676	1,318	805	119	380	61	109	46	521	442	168	161	1,436	.	1	2
Ditto 500	6,167	1,067	870	132	243	34	95	35	310	390	139	163	718	...	2	4
Ditto 1,000	458	121	86	13	10	.	4	2	31	59	17	25	30	.	...	3
Ditto 5,000	181	67	56	15	2	3	5	1	11	32	3	10	12	..	...	...
Ditto 10,000	13	7	5	...	...	...		...	...	...	.	...	.	..	...	...
Exceeding 10,000	6	2	4	1	...	...	...	1	1	5	.	...	...	..	.	...
Number of suits the value of which can not be estimated ..	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	..	...	2
Total... 1892..	40,840	16,537	5,012	756	7,085	819	830	618	4,401	2,900	1,162	1,613	9,342	...	4	12
Total... 1891 ..	39,376	16,125	4,692	754	5,616	772	680	592	3,932	2,635	1,447	1,398	8,210	1	1	21

No. I—(Civil).

in the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1892.

Title and other Suits.																					Remarks.
Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for declaratory decrees.	Other suits under the Specific Relief Act.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowments.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligation on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	Administration suits.	Interpleader suits.	Dissolution of partnership.	Suits under Section 261, Act X of 1865, (also Hindu Wills Act).	Other suits not falling under any of the previous heads.	Total.			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36			
1,497	84	39	204	...	2	...	...	...	5	..	..	..	..	.	1	...	1	17,136			
159	7	27	12	8	1	..	...	1	9	.	..	...	.	.	..	...	..	4,555			
267	25	38	106	1	1	..	11	2	2	..	..	...	1		1	...	2	6,632			
259	6	46	216	2	1	...	...	..	5	2	..	..	.	...	.	...	10	7,464			
178	7	5	45	..	3	..	10	...	22	..	..	...	...	.		...	1	2,618			
388	4	4	121	...	1	...	10	...	38	..	.	.	...	.	..	...	4	6,906			
253	1	...	188	8	2	...	10	...	8	1	..	..	...		..	...	7	6,807			
179	1	2	240	1	1	..	14	...	6	2	...	1	...	..	..	...	2	2,920			
81	1	...	10	...	...	..	...	...	10	..	...	...	...	.		...	1	2,986			
11	..	3	9	1	...	...	...		10	..	..	..	.	.	.	...	...	1,129			
293	1	4	85	9	7	...	37	...	10	1	...	...		...	...	...	...	7,827			
157	10	7	109	11	...	—	5	5	8	3	.	.	...	..	...	...	4	2,540			
270	1	24	629	2	3	..	4	..	9	2	..	...	...	...	1	...	11	5,866			
254	9	33	313	...	1	..	...	..	26	1	...	.	.		...	...	..	3,399			
162	16	24	279	...	...	..	2	...	26	..	...	...	.	...	..	...	3	6,910			
309	10	2	113	1	2	.	5	...	9	..	..	1		...	..	...	...	6,841			
455	3	78	55	.	...		...	...	22	2	...	...		.	.	...	...	3,265			
327	2	17	8.	2	1	..	3	...	9	.	.	...		...	..	...	15	5,587			
...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	.	...	..	.	...	..	...	...	...	1	1			
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	..			..	7	7			
5,499	377	353	2,821	46	26	...	111	8	237	14	..	2	1	...	3	..	69	1,01,498			
5,129	380	317	2,685	34	34	...	98	2	260	19	..	...	1	1	2	...	35	95,249			

above Grand Total in detail of values.

927	9	70	60	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	20,921	3,330	10,770	5,060	...	8	1,751	1	1	1,29,577
2,100	14	135	733	1	...	...	7	..	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	49,051	5,197	19,533	21,145	...	43	3,130	2	1	12,76,284
952	20	41	500	1	2	...	8	1	13	1	...	...	...	...	..	..	10	15,889	1,502	...	12,698	...	86	1,649	1	3	11,31,719
1,152	197	88	999	15	5	...	58	7	210	4	...	1	...	..	..	...	14	13,185	1,109	...	7,500	...	174	4,395	4	3	25,96,773
160	8	8	255	10	6	...	9	...	5	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1,338	80	...	...	...	...	1,257	1	..	9,27,356
174	17	4	173	4	12	...	13	...	1	4	...	...	1	...	2	...	1	812	...	...	...	...	...	768	44	..	14,97,797
19	3	2	22	1	..	...	2	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	75	...	...	...	...	.	66	9	..	5,40,080
15	1	...	14	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	1	54	...	...	...	. ...	..	48	6	..	26,94,075
...	109	5	5	9	1	...	14	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	178	...	...	...	...	...	172	1	...	...
5,499	377	353	2,821	46	26	...	111	8	237	14	...	2	1	...	3	...	69	1,01,498	11,218	30,303	46,402	...	261	13,238	69	6	1,07,93,661
5,129	380	317	2,685	34	34	...	98	2	260	19	...	...	1	1	2	...	35	95,249	9,846	29,842	41,090	138	213	14,239	72	9	85,39,040

Number of suits instituted in different Courts.								Total value of suits as computed under the Court Fees Act.
Small Cause Courts.	Naib-Tahsildars' Courts.	Tahsildars' Courts.	Honorary Munsiff's Courts	Honorary Assistant Commissioners' Courts	Assistant Commissioners' Courts.	Deputy Commissioner's Court.	Judicial Assistants' Courts.	
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	Rs.
37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45

Statement showing the result of the trial of Original Suits

Districts.	For disposal.					Disposed			
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Re-instituted during the year (Sections 99, 103, 582, 623, Act XIV of 1882).	Received by transfer from other Provinces during the year.	Instituted during the year (Section 58, Act XIV of 1882).	Total.	Transferred to other Provinces.	Plaint rejected or returned after institution.	Dismissed for default, Sections 98 and 102, Act XIV of 1882.	
								Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Nagpur ..	1,576	310	...	16,826	19,012	...	176	2,413	14·2
Chanda ..	431	147	...	4,408	4,986	...	63	998	22·4
Bhandara ..	635	155	...	6,477	7,267	1	13	1,102	17·4
Wardha ..	844	227	...	7,237	8,308	...	63	1,274	17·5
Balaghat ..	547	59	...	2,559	3,165	...	38	623	22·2
Jubbulpore ..	693	78	...	6,828	7,599	...	74	1,173	16·6
Saugor ..	703	113	...	6,784	7,600	...	36	1,212	18·0
Damoh ..	129	80	...	2,846	3,055	...	29	346	11·9
Seoni ...	267	74	...	2,912	3,253	...	13	477	16 1
Mandla ..	89	41	...	1,088	1,218	...	15	301	27 2
Hoshangabad ...	731	161	...	7,666	8,558	...	40	1,234	15 5
Betul ..	226	92	...	2,454	2,772	...	20	423	16·4
Narsinghpur ..	486	127	...	5,739	6,352	...	52	958	16·2
Chhindwara ...	279	101	...	3,298	3,678	...	25	723	21·2
Nimar ...	614	131	...	6,779	7,524	...	38	1,788	25·4
Raipur ...	829	160	...	6,681	7,670	...	104	1,734	26·6
Sambalpur ...	432	139	...	3,126	3,697	...	37	995	30·5
Bilaspur ...	575	97	...	5,490	6,162	...	63	1,559	28·3
Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division .	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...
Do. do., Nagpur Division	5	...	...	7	12	.	...	...	...
Total ... 1892 ...	10,391	2,292	...	99,206	111,889	1	899	19,333	19·1
Total ... 1891 ...	9,295	2,341	...	92,908	104,544	...	858	17,746	18 8

MENT No. III.

in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1892:

of.

Withdrawn with leave (Section 373, Act XIV of 1882).	Compromised.		Decreed on confession (in full of claim).		Decided *ex-parte*.				
						Dismissed *ex-parte*.		Total.	
	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of	Decreed.	Number.	Percentage of total *ex parte*.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
180	1,584	9·3	3,494	20·5	4,963	162	2·2	5,125	30·1
22	349	7·8	791	17 8	866	70	7·5	936	21·0
29	451	7·1	1,393	22·0	1,716	33	1·9	1,749	27·6
51	713	9·8	1,487	20 4	1,478	29	1·9	1,507	20 7
10	115	4·1	472	16·9	504	24	4·5	528	18 9
37	685	9·7	1,249	17·7	930	65	6·5	995	14·1
27	1,110	16·4	1,558	23 0	994	74	6·9	1,068	15·8
17	512	17·7	575	19·8	402	18	4 3	420	14·5
15	304	10·3	580	19·6	552	24	4·2	576	19·4
17	176	15·9	164	14·8	156	30	16·1	186	16 8
46	745	9·4	1,492	18·8	1,575	83	5·0	1,658	20 9
6	190	7·4	558	23·9	353	20	5·4	373	14·4
11	481	8 1	1,057	17 8	1,181	31	2·6	1,212	20·5
15	310	9·1	688	20·2	516	38	6·9	554	16 3
28	648	9 2	1,358	19·3	1,445	57	3·8	1,502	21·3
28	685	10·5	983	15·1	916	174	16·0	1,090	16·7
32	171	5·3	330	10·1	279	41	12·8	320	9·8
26	642	11·6	868	15 7	573	45	7·3	618	11·2
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
597	9,871	9·8	19,097	18·9	19,399	1,018	5·0	20,417	20·3
736	9,745	10·3	18,029	19·1	16,961	926	5·2	17,887	19·0

Districts.	Disposed of—contd.									Pending.	
	Contested and disposed of by										
	Judgment for plaintiff.				Judgment for defendant.		Total.				
	In whole of claim.		In part of claim.								
	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total contested.	Number.	Percentage of total disposed of.	Total.	Total.	Over four months.
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	39	30	31
Nagpur ..	1,843	45·7	1,198	29·7	991	24·6	4,032	23·7	17,004	2,008	144
Chanda ..	594	46·0	363	28·0	335	25·9	1,292	29·0	4,451	535	58
Bhandara ..	847	52·7	353	22·0	407	25·3	1,607	25·3	6,345	922	9
Wardha ..	1,019	46·7	756	34·7	406	18·6	2,181	30·0	7,276	1,032	98
Balaghat ..	421	41·6	214	21·1	378	37·3	1,013	36·2	2,799	368	5
Jubbulpore ..	1,162	40·9	921	32·5	755	26·6	2,838	40·2	7,051	548	21
Saugor ..	1,024	58·9	330	19·0	383	22·1	1,737	25·7	6,748	852	49
Damoh ..	467	46·6	293	29·3	241	24·1	1,001	34·5	2,900	157	4
Seoni ..	424	42·5	273	27·4	300	30·0	997	33·7	2,962	291	1
Mandla ..	80	32·4	58	23·5	109	44·1	247	22·3	1,106	112	...
Hoshangabad ..	1,616	59·3	566	20·8	543	19·9	2,725	34·3	7,940	618	22
Betul ..	440	43·4	263	25·9	311	30·7	1,014	39·2	2,584	188	5
Narsinghpur ..	1,275	59·2	450	20·9	427	19·8	2,152	36·3	5,923	429	1
Chhindwara ..	515	47·2	225	20·7	349	32·0	1,089	32·0	3,404	274	2
Nimar ..	954	56·9	348	20·8	374	22·3	1,676	23·8	7,038	486	14
Raipur .	736	39·0	541	28·7	608	32·3	1,885	29·0	6,509	1,161	10
Sambalpur ..	432	31·6	368	26·8	571	41·6	1,372	42·1	3,257	440	3
Bilaspur ..	696	40·1	460	26·5	581	33·7	1,737	31·5	5,515	649	...
Judicial Assistant to the Commissioner, Chhattisgarh Division ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Do. Do. Nagpur Division ...	...	...	6	66·7	3	33·3	9	100·0	9	3	3
Total ... 1892 .	14,546	47·5	7,986	26·1	8,072	26·4	30,604	30·4	1,00,819	11,070	447
Total ... 1891..	13,764	47·2	7,669	26·3	7,719	26·5	29,152	31·0	94,153	10,391	510

No. III.—(Concld.)

Average.				Number of suits disposed of.									
Durations of suits in days. and tenths.		Number of hearings in suits disposed of.		Instituted in *forma pauperis* (Section 410, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which commission issued for local investigation (Section 392, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which commission issued to investigate or adjust accounts (Section 394, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which commission issued to make a partition (Section 396, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which reference was made to arbitrators.		In which any matter was decided on oath of party or witness.	Cases in which the Court has directed that the costs or any part of the costs of a winning plaintiff shall not follow the event (Section 220, para. 2, Act XIV of 1882.)	In which payment by instalments was decreed (Section 210, Act XIV of 1882.)	Remarks.
Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.					Found for plaintiff.	Found for defendant.				
32	33	34		35	36	37	38	39		40	41	42	43
70·9	34·3	3·	1·6	...	41	15	...	6	...	47	50	100	
71·3	43·9	4·5	2·5	5	5	16	...	...	...	11	...	90	
68·9	43·5	3·3	1·9	...	20	2	...	1	...	13	9	119	
77·5	42·2	4·3	2·2	2	46	12	...	2	...	2[illegible]	10	145	
89·4	54·7	3·	1·9	3	4	...	...	...	...	11	1	52	
59·9	29·4	5·5	1·8	8	16	3	...	7	3	8	21	67	
69·9	44·1	3.	1·6	2	9	3	...	6	...	17	27	170	
44·6	24·9	3·	1·6	2	3	...	...	1	...	7	12	32	
59 9	41·6	2·9	1·7	1	4	1	...	2	...	8	23	38	
54·0	37·3	3·5	2·1	...	6	...	...	...	...	9	4	10	
69·7	43·2	2·8	1·6	1	9	4	...	3	2	8	2	213	
47·1	26·7	3·6	2·5	1	20	6	...	3	2	30	27	130	
56·5	34·0	2·8	1·6	1	7	3	...	9	1	13	21	72	
56·1	29·7	2·9	1·7	1	31	...	1	...	...	2	...	53	
57·8	34·9	3·5	1·8	...	14	2	...	...	...	30	6	132	
67·9	43·2	3·7	1·5	...	19	...	...	...	...	11	19	115	
76·6	43·2	4·2	2·1	...	25	...	...	1	...	30	...	24	
58·4	36·6	3 6	1·9	...	6	...	...	5	2	13	5	51	
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
119·7	...	3·1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	
65·7	38·2	3·5	1·8	27	285	67	1	46	10	293	237	1,619	
66·[illegible]	37·9	3·3	1·8	17	406	66	4	33	7	329	225	1,795	

STATEMENT No. IV.

Statement showing the General Result of the trial of Civil Cases in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1892.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Cases (Judicial).

Districts.	Total number of cases before the Courts.	Number of cases disposed of.										Pending at the close of the year.	Number of cases pending more than four months at the close of the year.	Average duration of cases.		Remarks.
		Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Without trial.	Without contest.				On reference to arbitration.		With contest.						
				Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex-parte*.	Dismissed *ex-parte*.	For plaintiff.	For defendant.	Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgment for defendant.			Contested.	Uncontested.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nagpur ..	1,574	...	386	25	233	165	128	1	1	312	209	114	...	45·3	27·7	
Chanda ...	639	...	132	9	94	80	35	...	...	138	106	45	...	39·8	23·8	
Bhandara ..	1,069	2	262	14	145	211	45	5	2	168	88	127	...	32·5	38·2	
Wardha ..	1,011	...	211	27	116	84	44	...	...	269	199	61	...	45·4	28·8	
Balaghat ..	156	...	39	...	7	30	15	...	...	27	21	17	...	48·9	43·7	
Jubbulpore ..	381	...	106	34	8	24	13	7	7	88	70	24	...	26·6	16·0	
Saugor ..	917	...	280	27	52	57	7	15	4	308	89	78	...	44·8	26·4	
Damoh ..	307	...	72	4	11	45	7	...	1	115	35	17	...	28·9	27·4	
Seoni ..	305	...	118	9	22	13	8	...	...	65	43	27	...	42·9	27·0	
Mandla ..	56	...	11	...	2	27	...	...	...	10	6	...	...	12·6	18·8	
Hoshangabad ..	657	...	119	9	11	20	19	...	...	230	224	25	...	26·0	25·0	
Betul ...	369	...	84	8	18	52	10	1	3	140	38	15	...	26·3	19·8	
Narsinghpur ..	837	...	274	15	83	141	32	4	4	129	86	69	3	32·3	28·8	
Chhindwara ..	400	...	136	12	30	29	9	1	...	108	52	23	...	27·9	15·1	
Nimar ...	634	...	167	8	43	58	21	...	...	191	116	30	...	29·3	20·8	
Raipur ...	382	...	219	9	26	30	17	...	...	35	31	15	...	47·9	26·5	
Sambalpur ..	361	...	197	11	14	20	18	...	...	34	34	33	...	37·3	32·6	
Bilaspur ...	324	...	123	6	11	9	17	...	...	39	74	45	...	43·7	28·4	
Total ... 1892..	10,379	2	2,936	227	926	1,095	445	34	22	2,406	1,521	765	3	37·5	27·5	
Total ... 1891...	8,999	...	2,338	235	857	930	382	22	26	2,155	1,352	702	7	43·7	27·5	

STATEMENT No. V.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces during the year 1892.

PART I.—Appeals from Decrees.

Courts.	For disposal.				Disposed of.												Pending.		Number of cases in which objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882, were		Average duration of each appeal tried.
							Heard *ex-parte*.					Contested.									
							Confirmed.			Reversed.				Reversed.							
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Received by transfer from other Provinces.	Instituted or re-admitted.	Total (columns 17 *plus* 18).	Transferred to other Provinces.	Dismissed for default, or under Sections 556, 557, Act XIV of 1882.	Without notice to respondent.	After notice to respondent.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	And remanded under Section 562, Act XIV of 1882.	Total.	Total.	Over four months.	Preferred.	Allowed (because successfully maintained.)	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	328	...	735	1,063	..	39	116	13	2	4	4	308	30	101	42	665	398	139	3	...	175·9
Commissioner, Nagpur Division...	5	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	148·6
Ditto Chhattisgarh „ ...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	103·0
Ditto Jubbulpore „ ..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto Nerbudda „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total in Courts of Commissioners...	5	...	2	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	2	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	142·1
Judicial Assistant to Commissioner, Nagpur Division ...	49	...	86	135	..	6	...	...	...	...	...	54	28	14	5	107	28	9	5	...	172·9
Ditto Chhattisgarh „ ...	13	...	35	48	...	...	...	4	...	...	..	15	7	1	2	29	19	4	...	...	120·6
Ditto Jubbulpore „ ...	11	...	80	91	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	25	6	5	3	43	48	13	..	...	98·7
Ditto Nerbudda „ ...	36	...	152	188	...	8	2	1	...	...	1	74	23	11	14	134	54	7	7	1	118·2
Total in Courts of Judicial Assistants to Commissioners ...	109	...	353	462	...	14	3	7	1	...	1	168	64	31	24	318	149	33	12	1	134·5

STATEMENT No. V.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1892.

PART II.—Appeals from Decrees.

Districts.	For disposal.				Disposed of.												Pending.		Number of cases in which objections under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882 were		Average duration of each appeal tried.	Remarks.
							Heard *ex-parte*.					Contested.										
							Confirmed.			Reversed.				Reversed.								
	Remaining at close of previous year.	Received by transfer from other Provinces.	Instituted or re-admitted.	Total col. 17 *plus* 18.	Transferred to other Provinces.	Dismissed for default, or under Sections 556, 557, Act XIV of 1882.	Without notice to Respondent.	After notice to Respondent.	Modified.	Without remand under Sec. 562, Act XIV of 1882	And remanded under Sec. 562, Act XIV of 1882	Confirmed.	Modified.	Without remand under Sec 562, Act XIV of 1882	And remanded under Sec. 562, Act XIV of 1882	Total.	Total.	Over four months.	Preferred.	Allowed (because successfully maintained.)		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Nagpur ..	214	...	557	771	..	24	33	19	4	8	2	256	91	72	4	513	258	110	...	...	188·8	
Chanda ...	27	...	300	327	...	22	43	12	1	4	2	99	53	52	6	294	33	2	3	...	48·1	
Bhandara ...	55	...	377	432	..	18	17	12	3	10	9	112	82	87	14	364	68	...	...	...	82·3	
Wardha ..	71	...	517	588	...	41	31	2	..	...	3	197	58	62	18	412	176	47	24	1	87·6	
Balaghat ...	14	...	209	223	..	18	33	1	.	2	...	95	1[illegible]	36	12	210	13	...	...	...	35·9	
Jubbulpore ...	35	...	346	381	...	16	3	1	.	...	...	125	49	64	18	276	105	...	3	3	55·3	
Saugor ..	72	...	386	458	...	4[illegible]	22	1	.	...	...	159	67	47	29	373	85	3	9	1	84·6	
Damoh ...	20	...	211	231	..	10	22	1[illegible]	2	3	..	97	18	34	13	209	22	...	...	...	31·8	
Seoni ...	31	...	207	238	.	6	45	3	3	...	1	78	15	41	10	202	36	...	1	...	43·3	
Mandla ...	3	...	33	36	...	1	17	2		...	...	5	1	7	1	34	2	.	...	...	22·6	
Hoshangabad ...	140	...	681	821	...	43	52	1[illegible]	1	...	..	326	80	110	29	654	167	...	12	3	59 0	
Betul ..	23	...	282	305	...	7	29	3	3	3	1	162	45	28	9	290	15	...	...	...	26·8	
Narsinghpur ...	21	...	445	466	...	38	36	19	4	6	4	179	38	77	23	424	42	...	...	...	33·7	
Chhindwara ...	50	...	295	345	...	37	131	3	1	4	2	49	25	54	7	313	32	...	...	...	43·5	
Nimar ...	30	...	358	388	...	11	58	...	..	1	1	123	55	72	18	339	49	...	...	...	40·9	
Raipur ...	73	...	553	626	..	33	44	5	3	...	2	249	76	106	35	553	73	...	...	...	31 3	
Sambalpur ...	26	...	370	396	..	44	44	5	.	...	.	151	42	59	11	356	40	...	...	...	43·8	
Bilaspur ...	79	...	428	507	...	43	19	19	10	14	1	217	36	87	20	466	41	1	4	2	59·9	
Total for 1892. Districts ...	984	...	6,555	7,539	...	460	679	130	35	55	28	2,679	844	1,095	277	6,282	1,257	163	56	10	63·2	
Total for 1892. All Courts..	1,426	...	7,645	9,071	...	513	798	150	38	59	33	3,160	946	1,227	343	7,267	1,804	335	71	11	76·6	
Total for 1891. Districts ..	847	...	5,919	6,766	...	382	708	97	34	63	17	2,439	689	1,037	311	5,777	989	87	18	8	56·5	
Total for 1891. All Courts .	1,176	...	6,936	8,112	..	406	782	12[illegible]	37	69	17	2,946	785	1,155	360	6,681	1,431	118	37	13	65·3	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Central Provinces, during the year 1892.

PART I.—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial.)

Courts.	Total number of appeals before the Court.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces.	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than four months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	Remarks.
					Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed.	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	83	...	2	4	14	...	1	...	30	...	10	5	17	5	141·3	...	
Commissioner, Nagpur Division ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	
Do Chhattisgarh „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. Jubbulpore „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Do. Nerbudda „ ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total in Courts of Commissioners ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Judicial Assistant to Commissioner, Nagpur Division ...	9	..	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	2	...	2	...	107·8	.	
Do. Chhattisgarh „ ...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	139·6	...	
Do. Jubbulpore „ ...	13	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	5	...	1	...	3	...	99·8	...	
Do. Nerbudda „ ...	16	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	7	...	1	3	4	..	72·0	...	
Total in Courts of Judicial Assistants to Commissioners.	41	...	1	1	5	...	...	...	17	...	5	3	9	...	94·9	...	

STATEMENT No. VI.

Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1892.

PART II.—Miscellaneous Appeals (Judicial).

Districts.	Total number of appeals before the Courts.	Transferred to Courts in other Provinces	Appeals summarily rejected.	Dismissed for default or otherwise not prosecuted.	Heard *ex-parte*.				Contested.				Pending.	Of these pending more than four months.	Average duration of appeals.	Objection under Section 561, Act XIV of 1882.	Remarks.
					Confirmed	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.	Confirmed	Modified.	Reversed.	Remanded.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Nagpur ...	88	.	16	8	11	2	1	4	6	1	..	11	28	4	86·6	...	
Chanda ...	10	...	4	1	...	...	1	..	1	...	3	...	...	...	34·6	...	
Bhandara ...	23	...	..	3	11	1	...	.	1	...	...	7	...	...	42·3	...	
Wardha ...	60	...	...	2	12	...	2	...	13	1	7	2	21	6	63·5	...	
Balaghat ...	7	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	27·1	...	
Jubbulpore ...	26	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	11	2	7	...	..	...	44·9	...	
Saugor ...	30	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	9	...	9	1	6	...	60·5	...	
Damoh ...	11	...	2	...	..	...	...	...	5	...	1	1	2	...	25·4	...	
Seoni ...	11	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	2	...	3	1	1	...	44 5	...	
Mandla ...	4	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	28·2	...	
Hoshangabad ...	94	...	5	7	12	...	...	1	29	3	13	7	17	...	51·0	...	
Betul ...	6	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	17·2	...	
Narsinghpur ...	19	...	4	1	2	...	...	1	3	1	3	1	3	...	25·6	...	
Chhindwara ...	16	...	1	2	3	...	1	...	3	...	6	...	...	...	44·2	...	
Nimar ...	22	...	...	...	5	...	...	1	4	...	5	2	5	...	38·9	...	
Raipur ...	45	...	6	...	3	..	1	8	4	9	3	8	3	...	20·7	...	
Sambalpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Bilaspur ...	35	...	3	5	3	...	...	1	12	...	2	6	3	...	43·5	...	
Total for 1892... Districts ...	507	...	43	39	67	6	6	17	109	17	65	48	90	10	49·6	...	
Total for 1892... All Courts ...	631	...	46	44	86	6	7	17	156	17	80	56	116	15	64·2	...	
Total for 1891... Districts ...	497	...	42	46	63	4	23	8	127	9	84	41	50	...	46·2	...	
Total for 1891... All Courts ...	691	...	46	56	83	5	25	9	192	10	119	45	101	...	53 3	1	

STATEMENT No. VII.

Showing the results on applications for execution of the decrees of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1892.

Districts.	Total number of applications for the execution of decrees before the Courts.	Applications disposed of: By transfer: To Civil Courts.	Applications disposed of: By transfer: To Collectors.	Applications disposed of: Satisfaction obtained in full.	Applications disposed of: Satisfaction obtained in part.	Applications disposed of: Dismissed for default, or withdrawn.	Applications disposed of: Otherwise infructuous.	Pending at the end of the year.	Number of applications pending more than four months at the close of the year.	Amount realized: With the issue of process.	Amount realized: Without the issue of process.	Number of applications: On which the judgment debtor was imprisoned.	Number of applications: On which he was arrested, but released without imprisonment.	Number of applications: On which moveable property: Was sold.	Number of applications: On which moveable property: Was attached, but subsequently released.	Number of applications: On which immoveable property: Was sold.	Number of applications: On which immoveable property: Was dealt with under: Section 305, Act XIV of 1882.	Number of applications: On which immoveable property: Was dealt with under: Section 320, Act XIV of 1882.	Number of applications: On which immoveable property: Was attached, but subsequently released under Section 275.	Number of applications: On which possession was given: Of moveables.	Number of applications: On which possession was given: Of immoveables.	Number of applications: On which specific performance was enforced.	Number of applications: On which partition was effected.	Number of applications: On which execution was effected otherwise than as in the preceding columns.	Remarks.
1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Nagpur ...	19,412	883	115	2,815	3,508	4,641	5,120	2,330	97	1,95,806	666	5	96	454	392	667	...	115	544	8	284	...	..	...	
Chanda .	3,998	69	59	800	632	...	1,972	466	39	17,794	943	3	22	277	300	140	1	59	257	3	75	...	...	...	
Bhandara ...	8,458	188	108	1,468	1,112	1,143	3,120	1,319	10	80,147	2,328	...	11	328	509	333	...	108	443	...	128	...	...	18	
Wardha ...	7,915	204	137	1,480	1,021	558	3,540	969	63	63,164	1,746	29	98	303	312	318	...	137	463	22	199	...	...	...	
Balaghat ...	2,966	33	3	571	283	1,169	426	451	6	34,628	739	1	...	101	212	56	...	...	90	5	99	...	...	2	
Jubbulpore ..	5,369	131	93	1,217	1,185	1,073	1,257	413	12	1,05,142	5,704	7	44	284	314	136	14	24	232	3	194	...	...	...	
Saugor ...	4,924	68	122	1,101	1,070	472	1,592	499	21	1,16,812	1,581	...	13	290	540	241	...	75	409	8	161	4	...	...	
Damoh ..	2,207	29	47	542	592	693	158	144	2	48,921	2[illegible]	2	21	98	202	67	2	47	103	3	105	...	...	...	
Seoni ..	2,388	..	26	582	645	424	417	294	1	52,649	129	10	53	283	265	56	...	...	94	2	70	...	.	...	
Mandla ...	450	4	14	111	66	118	96	41	2	3,261	1,545	1	5	22	28	12	5	...	22	...	11	1	.	...	
Hoshangabad ...	7,069	44	234	1,364	1,502	1,610	1,616	699	16	1,75,504	6,844	10	43	340	911	301	...	234	624	8	238	..	...	...	
Betul ..	2,016	1	45	447	375	195	738	215	1	30,731	18	2	9	124	243	111	18	47	128	29	78	.	...	...	
Narsinghpur ...	6,108	12	111	932	1,321	2,789	338	605	15	96,754	1,993	1	9	227	628	345	...	111	251	13	229	...	...	...	
Chhindwara ...	2,914	6	47	549	645	618	660	389	3	42,181	568	...	5	180	192	179	...	47	212	1	155	2	..	...	
Nimar ..	6,241	29	67	1,326	939	3,023	261	596	12	1,01,138	3,528	13	49	125	273	174	...	67	260	...	79	...	...	...	
Raipur ...	4,230	37	11	977	502	482	1,363	858	16	54,633	...	4	47	136	201	48	9	...	148	18	148	...	...	...	
Sambalpur ...	1,516	...	2	413	184	486	216	215	4	21,649	142	2	9	77	84	18	...	2	30	1	163	...	...	...	
Bilaspur ...	2,751	19	7	801	407	192	887	438	6	35,573	5,732	6	69	133	168	27	19	7	37	5	148	...	..	...	
Total ... 1892	90,930	1,757	1,278	17,496	15,989	19,686	23,783	10,941	326	12,76,487	34,228	96	603	3,782	5,774	3,229	68	1,080	4,347	129	2,564	7	...	22	
Total ... 1891	86,399	1,552	968	17,152	15,456	40,979		10,292	378	12,75,710	45,977	110	632	3,997	5,956	3,198	39	929	4,222	76	2,510	10	4	4	

STATEMENT

Showing (1) the fees levied for, and (2) the charges incurred in, the service
Central Provinces

Districts.	(1)—Fees levied. In separate detail for each Court. On processes issued. At Re. 1 rate.	At As. 12 rate.	At As. 8 rate.	At As. 4 rate.	Additional Fees. Under note to Article 2.	Under note to Article 6.	Poundage on full amount of purchase money.	Grand total of fees levied (Columns 2 to 8.)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Rs.	Rs. a	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.
Nagpur ...	13,892	1,287 0	144 8	22,617 12	437 8	744 8	729 3	39,852 7
Chanda ...	3,658	686 12	16 0	5,701 8	...	1,007 8	91 1	11,160 13
Bhandara ...	6,982	1,205 4	33 8	7,895 0	9 4	981 0	266 15	17,372 15
Wardha ...	6,790	880 12	75 0	10,387 12	399 8	902 4	307 13	19,743 1
Balaghat ...	2,130	284 4	9 8	3,736 12	306 9	...	63 9	6,530 10
Jubbulpore ...	4,421	630 12	73 12	9,694 4	1,114 12	112 8	396 2	16,443 2
Saugor ...	5,368	370 8	95 8	8,332 8	793 10	16 0	355 4	15,331 6
Damoh ...	1,918	327 0	2 8	3,355 12	152 8	...	42 9	5,798 5
Seoni ...	2,100	394 4	4 8	3,521 8	...	...	292 5	6,312 9
Mandla ..	413	33 12	...	958 4	75 0	...	7 11	1,487 11
Hoshangabad ...	7,003	1,535 4	76 0	11,046 4	...	967 0	831 5	21,458 13
Betul ..	2,072	570 8	30 0	3,668 12	34 8	54 0	126 10	6,556 6
Narsinghpur ...	6,264	477 0	29 8	10,659 4	14 4	227 6	301 7	17,972 13
Chhindwara ...	3,056	562 0	41 8	4,808 4	301 0	...	162 8	8,931 4
Nimar ...	4,981	627 12	8 8	7,434 0	...	138 4	401 10	13,591 2
Raipur ...	3,594	408 12	38 0	6,789 8	...	...	162 6	10,992 10
Sambalpur ...	1,321	49 8	32 8	3,598 4	9 4	...	114 3	5,124 11
Bilaspur ...	2,756	91 12	32 8	5,458 8	32 4	2 0	37 6	8,410 6
Judicial Assistant to Commr., Chhattisgarh Dn.	...	..	...	19 4	...	...	...	19 4
Ditto Commissioner, Nerbudda Dn.	...	..	...	74 8	...	...	...	74 8
Total ...	78,719	10,422 12	743 4	1,29,757 8	3,679 15	5,152 6	4,689 15	2,33,164 12

No. VIII.

and execution of processes issued out of the Civil Courts in the Districts of the during the year 1892.

(2)—Charges.									Collectively for the District.			(1) Number of processes re-issued without charges (Rule II.)
In separate detail for each Court or set of Courts having a joint establishment.												
Naib Nazirs & sale Amins.		Salary of European bailiff.	Peons.						Contingencies.		Grand total of all charges (columns 11, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20).	
Class and period for which employed.	Total salary.		1st Class at Rs. 10.		2nd Class at Rs. 8.		3rd Class at Rs. 6.		Heads of charges.	Charges under each head.		
			Number on last day.	Total salary.	Number on last day.	Total salary.	Number on last day.	Total salary.				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
No.	Rs.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.	No.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	
14	3,121	662	13	1,510	13	1,234	113	9,650	Process forms, registers, other stationery, office contingencies, &c., &c., &c.	485	16,662	461
6	1,204	...	1	120	4	384	28	2,974		88	4,770	367
7	1,300	...	3	342	5	472	35	3,493		146	5,753	164
8	1,475	...	3	360	4	376	42	3,392		407	6,010	9
2	420	...	1	114	2	170	21	1,506		193	2,403	93
4	724	696	5	555	4	367	49	4,089		246	6,677	138
7	1,465	...	3	360	4	384	34	3,838		258	6,355	362
4	739	...	4	469	1	95	20	1,938		12	3,253	199
2	351	...	3	353	1	96	19	1,539		...	2,339	96
1	178	...	1	120	1	96	13	1,079		8	1,481	51
9	2,040	...	8	948	4	384	40	3,880		199	7,451	1,052
2	417	..	4	400	2	163	20	1,238		60	2,278	40
5	1,080	...	4	479	6	557	36	2,522		198	4,836	391
4	757	...	5	478	3	187	20	1,747		28	3,197	50
2	492	...	6	714	1	96	23	2,360		135	3,797	172
5	955	...	2	206	3	288	41	2,900		...	4,349	831
2	405	...	2	200	2	181	17	1,309		...	2,095	969
3	537	...	2	238	2	169	26	2,345		74	3,363	128
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...
87	17,660	1,358	70	7,966	62	5,699	597	51,848	...	2,537	87,069	5,573

STATEMENT No. IX.

Proceedings in Insolvency under Chapter XX, Act XIV of 1882, in the Districts of the Central Provinces during the year 1892.

Part I.—Showing the number and result of applications under Section 344, and the number of insolvents before the Court.

Districts.	Applications for a declaration of insolvency.															Persons declared to be insolvents.									Remarks.
	Number of applications dealt with.						Applications disposed of.									Number of insolvents before the Court				Disposed of.					
		Filed during the year.							Granted.		Rejected.											Discharged.			
		By judgment debtors.																							
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Under arrest or imprisonment.	Not under arrest or imprisonment.	By decree-holders.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Withdrawn or otherwise not prosecuted.	A receiver being appointed.	A receiver not being appointed.	Penal proceedings under Section 359 not being taken.	Sentence of imprisonment being passed under Section 359.	Applicant being sent to the Magistrate to be dealt with.	Total.	Pending at the close of the year.	Remaining at the close of the previous year.	Declared to be insolvents during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Died.	Under Section 351.	Under Section 355.	Remaining at the close of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Nagpur ...	22	11	27	...	...	60	...	26	4	17	1	...	...	48	12	5	21	...	24	...	...	20	4	...	
Chanda ...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Bhandara ...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wardha ...	1	...	7	...	..	8	...	3	...	3	2	...	...	8	...	1	3	..	4	...	...	4	...	..	
Balaghat ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Jubbulpore ...	4	5	3	...	...	12	...	1	1	8	...	...	...	10	2	4	10	...	14	...	...	9	1	4	
Saugor ...	1	...	2	...	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Damoh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Seoni ...	1	5	...	...	...	6	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	3	3	...	2	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	
Mandla ..	...	1	...	...	..	1	...	..	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	
Hoshangabad ...	2	4	3	...	...	9	1	3	2	2	1	...	...	9	...	...	5	...	5	..	...	3	2	...	
Betul ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chhindwara ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	
Nimar ...	1	5	13	...	...	19	...	6	...	4	6	...	...	16	3	...	4	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	
Raipur ...	...	...	5	...	...	5	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	5	...	...	1	...	1	..	...	1	...	..	
Sambalpur ...	1	...	2	...	...	3	...	...	1	.	1	...	...	2	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	
Bilaspur ...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	.	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
Total .. 1892...	34	31	65	...	...	130	1	47	10	37	13	...	...	108	22	10	47	...	57	...	...	45	8	4	
Total .. 1891 .	37	68	50	...	1	156	2	40	18	39	24	...	...	123	33	14	60	...	74	...	...	44	20	9	

STATEMENT No. IX—(Concld).

PART II.—Showing the number of estates in the hands of receivers and the progress made in winding up.

Districts.	Number of insolvents' estates in the hands of receivers.				Amount of creditors' claims dealt with during the year.					Amount of insolvents' assets realized and outstanding.				Remarks.
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Placed in charge of a receiver during the year.	Number of estates in regard to which proceedings were finally closed during the year.	Pending at the close of the year	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the previous year.	Admitted.	Disallowed.	Satisfied.	Unsatisfied and pending at the close of the year.	Amount of realized assets in the hands of receivers at the close of the previous year.	Gross amount realized during the year.	Total amount of disbursements	Amount remaining in the hand of receivers at the close of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Nagpur ..	3	4	...	7	1,11,614	435	...	1,514	1,10,535	250	2,314	1,591	973	
Chanda ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	
Bhandara ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Wardha ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Balaghat ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	..	...	..	
Jubbulpore ..	2	1	...	3	1,957	2,797	...	...	4,754	172	58	...	230	
Saugor ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Damoh ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Seoni ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Mandla ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	
Hoshangabad ..	11	1	...	...	29,466	7,220	2,801	1,617	26,269	...	1,617	,1490	126	
Betul ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Narsinghpur ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
Chhindwara ..	1	...	1	...	...	721	...	76	645	..	76	76	...	
Nimar ..	7	...	...	7	26,132	...	...	...	26,132	41	...	...	41	
Raipur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Sambalpur ..	2	...	2	...	...	421	...	421	...	169	...	169	...	
Bilaspur ..	1	...	...	1	12,680	...	...	3,900	8,780	1,848	17,395	16,980	2,263	
Total ... 1892 .	27	6	3	18	1,81,849	11,594	2,801	7,528	1,77,115	2,480	21,460	20,306	3,633	
Total ... 1891..	14	17	7	24	1,75,256	20,780	6,354	8,264	1,80,381	6,448	20,420	24,100	2,768	